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It has been a very busy summer for all of us here at City Hall.

Don't forget to vote on November 5th, 2019. Raytown's ballot will include the question whether to renew or not the Parks-Storm Water Control Sales Tax. This tax helps fund operations of the Parks Department and provides for many free public amenities such as movies in the park, fishing derbies for the kids and a 9-hole disc golf course. This tax also helps funds storm water improvement and emergency repair projects through our Public Works Department for the vital service of mitigating storm water throughout our City.

Public Works is diligently preparing for winter. When the time comes, rest assured that they will continue their legacy of excellent winter storm response and street clearing services. Winter weather advisories are posted on our website and social media pages.

Another Important date to remember is the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony December 6th, 2019. Watch Facebook and our website for more upcoming event information.

Our community continues to grow and flourish as seen in the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism's 90th Anniversary and the opening of new businesses along 350 Highway such as the Tidal Wave Auto Spa and the Panda Express! In 2020, you should start seeing construction activities within the intersections of 350 Highway and Raytown Road where improvement projects are planned.

We are all a part of what makes Raytown a wonderful community. Please be involved, courteous and watchful for the needs of your neighbors and friends. I consider it my privilege to be your Mayor and to work with your other elected officials and City staff in service to all. God Bless and have a great fall and winter.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike McDonough



2019 MARKS THE 90TH YEAR OF THE RAYTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



To celebrate this milestone, the Chamber updated their logo, added tourism to their name and is in the process of remodeling the building located at the corner of 59th Street and Raytown Trafficway.

The Chamber is excited about Phase 2 Construction of the Rock Island Trail that will run through Raytown. Now known as the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Staff and Business Brigade Members have been visiting Raytown businesses thanking them for being in Raytown, just like they did in 1929. To cap off the year, the Chamber will host a 90th Anniversary Gala in November. Looking to the future, the Chamber will continue to support the business community by enhancing the quality of life for its citizens.

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9PM ROUTINE

REMOVE VALUABLES & GARAGE DOOR OPENER FROM CARS
LOCK CARS
CLOSE GARAGE DOORS
LOCK DOOR BETWEEN GARAGE & HOUSE
CLOSE & LOCK ALL EXTERNAL DOORS
CLOSE & LOCK ALL WINDOWS
TURN ON EXTERIOR LIGHT

#9PMROUTINE

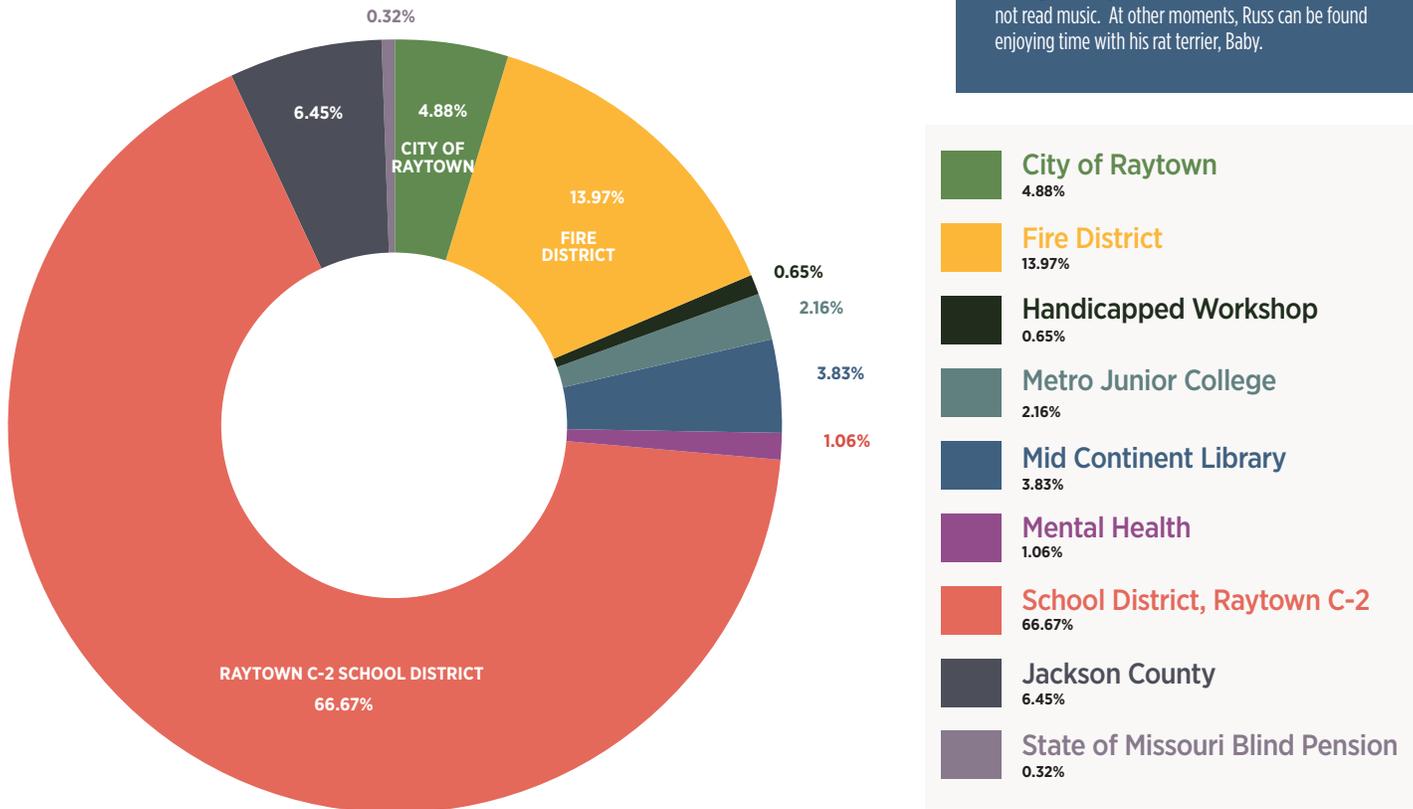
Start getting in the habit of the #9pmroutine! Here are just a few simple steps you can do every night to help protect you, your family, and your property.

Check out our press release for more info on this new social media campaign: <https://piorpd.wordpress.com/2019/09/03/raytown-police-launch-9pm-routine-campaign/>

Property Tax Information

- The City of Raytown has not passed a property tax increase since 1978.
- **The real estate levy for 2019 is 0.4630, which is 4.88% of the total property tax charged to City property owners.**
- The County determines property assessment values, not the City.
- **Property tax assessment is sent to property owners each year in March.**
- Assessment appeals from property owners occur March through August per deadlines set by the County.
- **The County sends the City a total assessment estimate in July and the final assessment in September.**
- Each new year, the Board of Aldermen must set the property tax levy by October 1.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY DISTRIBUTION



Meet the City of Raytown's New Finance Director!

Russ Petry has a Bachelor of Arts from Mid-America Nazarene University and has been a CFO or equivalent for 30 years. He comes to the City of Raytown with experience in corporate accounting, nonprofit accounting, municipal finance, human resources management, extensive payroll experience, and cash management and investments exceeding \$100M. He also has experience with the Kansas City Housing Authority and HUD. Russ has personally handled over 40 grants simultaneously and has grant audit experience at federal, state, county and local levels.

Russ also has extensive IT experience by designing, implementing and maintaining networks with 5 servers serving 80 simultaneous users with remote access nationwide. He owned his own computer network consulting business for many years.

Russ grew up as a Nazarene minister's son. In his spare time, Russ owns an historic church building in Pleasant Hill Missouri that is being transformed into his home. He enjoys collecting and working on old and collectible cars and is a motorcyclist. He also plays trumpet, piano and organ for enjoyment but prefers to play by ear and not read music. At other moments, Russ can be found enjoying time with his rat terrier, Baby.

Sewer Winter Average Explained

The City of Raytown uses a winter average to calculate the monthly sewer utility charge for residential customers after their first year.



New residential customers are currently billed on actual water usage \$17.12 for the first 1,000 gallons plus \$10.53 for each additional thousand gallons with a monthly billing cap of \$75.04 (7,000 gallons) for the first year.

The winter average does not exclude delinquent penalties and fees, should the account become past due. Once a residential customer has established a water average, their sewer bill will be a flat rate calculated on the winter average.

This winter averaging is calculated using the actual water meter consumption from November through February. Winter averaging to calculate sewer bills is widely used with municipalities across the Midwest. Winter averaging allows us to get a more accurate read of what is going down the sewer drain compared to summer months when some water consumption is outside. This will also give our residents an average bill that can be budgeted for the year and avoids fluctuation of bills during high consumption periods.

A deposit of \$135 is required of all new residents. Commercial accounts have a minimum deposit of \$300, however it can be larger based on business use.

An annual payment option can be chosen with a discount of 3.6% for residential customers.

Circuit Breaker Program

THE STATE OF MISSOURI CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM

- The property tax credit gives credit, to certain senior citizens and 100% disabled individuals, for a portion of real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year. This is filed at tax time and for up to \$750 for renters and \$1,100 for owners who owned and occupied their home.
- This tax credit is also income qualified, meaning that single persons with \$27,500 or less income or married persons having a total household income of \$29,500 or less for renters. The levels for owners are \$30,000 for single and \$34,000 for married.
- Filing can go back for three years.
- More information can be found at dor.mo.gov/personal/ptc/ or email propertytaxcredit@dor.mo.gov

THE CITY OF RAYTOWN OFFERS A 25% SANITARY SEWER RATE DISCOUNT TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM

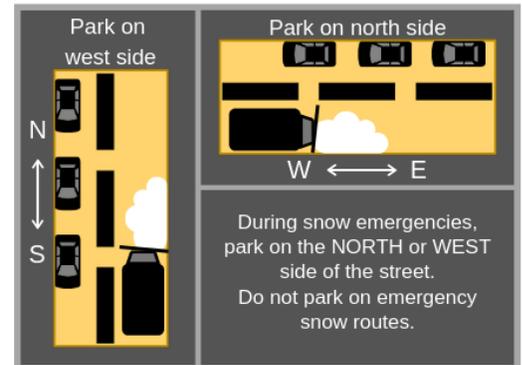
- Individuals must be at least 65 years of age or 100% disabled;
- Income must not exceed \$30,000 if single, or \$32,500 total household income if married.
- Individuals wanting to participate in this local discount must come into City Hall and bring a copy of the Missouri Property Tax Credit and a copy of paid real estate property tax receipt or the MO-CRP renter's form available from the state.

For more information, call City Hall at 816-737-6088.

Winter Prep 2019



Snow Emergency Parking



Public Works has been busy preparing for the winter weather

The snowplows have been checked and maintenance work done to ensure they work properly. Salt has been purchased through a competitive bid that generally saves taxpayers 30-35%.

Road crews in Raytown use beet juice as a deicer for the City's roadways this winter. The beet juice is used as a pre-treatment and prevents the bonding of ice to the road.

Once the sugar is removed from the beets, the juice is mixed with calcium chloride and rock salt to create a very efficient deicer product.



Snow Removal

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do we use sand?

A: The City uses sand on a limited basis for the following reasons:

1. Sand requires extra cleaning of the streets immediately following an event to limit silting of waterways and storm drainage systems.
2. Sand has no melting properties.
3. Sand must be maintained, loaded, and transported in specific conditions especially during freezing temperatures to limit the amount of clogging and damage to the spreaders.
4. Sand leaves the streets dusty and cars tend to slide on the sand during dry times.

Q: How soon can I expect to get my street plowed/cleared?

A: On a normal 2" to 4" snow the City will have all streets cleared in 36 hours from the last snowflake. Snow removal depends on many factors:

- Temperature plays a critical role in the ability to prevent snow from bonding to the pavement.
- Type of snow (wet or dry)
- Wind conditions
- Time of day the snow begins
- Depth of the snow
- Rate of fall

Q: I may need medical assistance — can you come plow my street & keep it clear in case I need help?

A: The City is responsive to the needs of all our residents; however, the City cannot ensure a given street can be kept clear during the entire snow event. If you need medical assistance call 911. If you have a doctor's appointment and it can be rescheduled before or after a snow event it is always safer to do so.



Emergency Snow Routes

Blue Ridge Boulevard, Cedar from 63rd Street to 64th Street, Raytown Road, Raytown Trafficway, Sterling from Blue Ridge Boulevard to north City limit, Woodson Road from north City limits to Blue Ridge Boulevard, Woodson Road from Blue Ridge Boulevard to 75th Street, Westridge, 51st Street from Blue Ridge Boulevard to Woodson Road, 53rd Street from Woodson Road to Raytown Road, 55th Street from west City limit to Raytown Road, 56th Street from Raytown Road to Blue Ridge Boulevard, 59th Street, 63rd Street, 63rd Terrace from Raytown Road to Willow, 64th Street from Raytown Road to Willow, 67th Street, 67th Terrace from Lane to Raytown Road; Gregory Boulevard, 75th Street, 79th Street from Raytown Road to west City limit, 83rd Street, 87th Street.

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 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.

Local Parks and Storm Water Control Sales Tax Question



Ballot Question

Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri continue to impose an existing sales tax at a rate of one-eighth (1/8) of one percent for the purpose of funding Local Parks/Storm Water Control within the City for a term of five (5) years? The monies received from the Local Parks/Storm Water Control sales tax shall be distributed with Local Parks receiving seventy-five percent (75%) and Storm Water Control receiving twenty-five percent (25%) for their respective functions.

*** This is a renewal of an existing sales tax scheduled to sunset***

LOCAL PARKS INFORMATION

If the Local Parks-Storm Water Control Sales Tax renewal at 1/8 cent is passed, it would allow the Parks and Public Works Departments to continue the relevant services that they provide to the public.



... GENERATES FOR LOCAL PARKS ...

\$277K

How the sales tax helps fund the Parks Projects:

- The continued maintenance of aging structures such as shelter houses, playgrounds, tennis courts and ball fields, trail overlays, beautification of roadways and public restrooms.
- The continued services such as: special events,

Your Local Parks Funds at Work



Storm Water Control

Financial stewardship of the Local Parks-Storm Water Control sales tax funds combined with other City general funds make it possible to repair and replace an aging storm water control system that has been in use for 40 years, but has an expected lifetime of 20 years.

Your Storm Water Control Funds at Work

PROJECT 1

BEFORE



AFTER



"I recently found it necessary to visit the Public Works Department at the Raytown City Hall to request help for a drainage problem I was having in the ditch in my front yard..."

partnerships with citizen groups, well maintained grounds and flower beds, safety inspections of City owned infrastructure and snow removal.

- The Raytown Parks Department hosts youth and adult sports, special community events, children’s play areas, hike & bike trails and opportunities for lovers of music and the arts in the community. The Parks Department also maintains right-of-way beautification on Raytown’s main thoroughfares as well as Park properties. The Raytown Parks Department is committed to providing the best services to City residents and visitors of the parks.



I took some pictures of the standing water with the ducks swimming around and visited the Public Works desk to see what they could do. Someone from the department called me that day after a site inspection and said the project had been added to the schedule and should be completed during the summer.

The project was completed in August and I couldn’t be more pleased. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Raytown Public Works Department for a job well done and for their quick response and attention to detail.”

WAYNE RILEY
RAYTOWN CITIZEN

STORM WATER CONTROL INFORMATION



1/8 cent
sales tax

... GENERATES FOR STORM WATER CONTROL ...

\$80K

How the sales tax helps fund the storm water control projects:

- The Public Works Department utilizes this sales tax to maintain and repair a 40+ year old, aging system. The average life expectancy of such systems is 20 years.
- These funds are expended on emergency storm repairs and the implementation of neighborhood improvements where storm water impedes public safety and transportation.

PROJECT 2

BEFORE



AFTER



Paid for by the City of Raytown

2019 Accomplishments at the Parks Department

The Raytown Parks Department has improved several Parks this year and is working on more projects to improve services for the citizens of Raytown.



 Raytown Parks has added a **9-hole disc golf course** over two parks: Southwood and Minor-Smith

After completing our **new hike and bike trail** at Southwood Park, our staff has added a **9-hole disc golf** course over two parks: Southwood and Minor-Smith. With the completion of the hike and bike trail, it is now easier for patrons to use bike lanes and sidewalks to travel between these two locations.

The Park Board voted to invest in **solar/LED area lights** to be placed in our Parks for increasing visibility of specific areas, without increasing our utility fees. The use and effectiveness of these lights will be monitored and will allow us to determine if replacing other area lights in our Parks system would benefit public safety and reduce electric utility charges further.

Raytown Parks is also planning on **providing WIFI** in certain park locations to provide more services to park patrons. With technology playing a bigger role in day-to-day lives, it is important to keep up the pace with the ever-changing interests of our patrons. By providing this service we hope to keep the attention of folks on the techy-side and let them enjoy the outdoors and Park amenities while still being connected to their devices and social media. Parks staff can also use this service to keep better track of visitors to the parks and provide more security services.



Our plans going into 2020 are to do some major work at **Kenagy Park**, one of our biggest and most used properties. The tennis courts at Kenagy Park are in need of repair, as is the pond wall in the park. Parks staff will be working to replace blocks on the wall and to secure them in a way that will prevent future vandalism. The plan for the tennis courts is to do a rebuild of that facility and address the drainage issue under those courts, which is the source of the problem. Once proper funding has been secured, we hope to bring that feature of Kenagy Park back to use by the public for lessons and leagues, as well as local high school tennis teams.

The Raytown Parks Department thanks the community for all the support that we have been shown through volunteering, sponsorships, partnerships, neighbors and patrons who enjoy what we do every day. Thank you, Raytown; we look forward to 2020 being another great year!

2020 PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE

****VISIT RAYTOWNPARKS.COM FOR UPDATES****

Keep an eye out for these events and more on the Raytown Parks and Recreation web page (raytownparks.com). Dates and times to be provided in late winter/early spring.

free events



FREE COMMUNITY

Fishing Derby

DATE June 2, 2020

PLACE Kenagy Park



Free Movies in the Park

TIME Dusk **PLACE** Kenagy Park

DATE Summer 2020

Raytown Live Concert Series



SUMMER 2020
ON THE GREENSPACE

recreational sports



Tennis Lessons

Youth Tennis Lessons

Adult Tennis Lessons

DATE Spring 2020

PLACE Colman Park



Spring/ Summer Softball

Mens, Womens, Coed
and 50+ Teams

DATE Spring/Summer 2020



Adult Coed Kickball

20 People per team

DATE Summer 2020



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USA BMX MidAmerica Nationals

**RAYTOWN BMX Home for
the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018,
2020 USA BMX Nationals!**

**BMX (Bicycle Motocross) for ALL ages in your
City's backyard!**

The Raytown BMX Association is a non-profit organization operating the Raytown BMX pedal bike racing facility in Kansas City, Missouri; established in 1999, sanctioned by USA BMX, we are a team of volunteers providing area residents an exciting family-oriented activity that teaches the value of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

We are gearing up for an exciting 2020 season!

We cater to all ages and athletic abilities. No One Sits on The Bench in BMX! We have loaner bikes and helmets available to use free for all ages!

The track hosts races every Thursday evening that span a season from April-November. We also host a yearly race that brings all BMX riders from the State of Missouri to compete. Our biggest race is the USA BMX Nationals. It brings in over 5,000 riders from across the country. The 2018 National brought riders to Raytown from as far away as California! Are you all ready! Riders will be coming back for the 2020 National!

Come try BMX for FREE! Join us this season: Monday's gates open at 6:30 p.m. for practice. Thursday's gates open at 6 p.m. Signups 6-7 p.m. with racing shortly after.

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 knows the value of being a sponsor and would love to support your business.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org.

For more information, contact Harley Kennedy at RaytownBMX1498@gmail.com.

events & attractions



Rice-Tremonti Historic Home

The historic Rice-Tremonti Home at 8801 E. 66th St. can be the setting for private events such as weddings, receptions, family reunions, business meetings, and other social gatherings. In the last year, nearly two dozen events have been held at Rice-Tremonti.

The cost is \$125 per event plus a refundable \$100 damage deposit. Those wishing to view the house for possible rentals are asked to contact Barb Schlapia at 816-277-7934 or barbs119@juno.com

Schedule a Tour: The Rice-Tremonti Home is available for tours by appointment all year long. Tours can be scheduled by calling Leigh Elmore at 816-510-8179.

Preserving History: The Rice-Tremonti Home, built in 1844, served as the jumping-off point for many travelers on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails during our nation's westward expansion and is the oldest standing frame house in Jackson County. The house was built by the Archibald Rice Family, pioneers from North Carolina. Aunt Sophie's Cabin is a restored cabin that was occupied by the enslaved Sophie White, who served as the personal servant and cook for the Rice Family. The home survived the ravages of the Civil War, one of only seven antebellum homes remaining in Jackson County.

Find out more at www.rice-tremonti.org or find the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home on Facebook.



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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



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Raytown CITY OF

FALL/WINTER 2019



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