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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

Spring has finally appeared, and summer is on its way. I am looking forward to seeing our neighbors greeting each other outside of their homes and businesses in this new season of activity.

We should all be looking forward to another year of kids and their families participating in our sports programs. It is a wonderful way for kids to learn good sportsmanship, how to win and lose in a civil manner, and to be a part of something bigger than themselves. The wonderful people that coach these kids without compensation, and the Parks Department personnel that coordinate these events, have my respect for helping the youngsters in our community. Special thanks goes to the Parks Department's own Dave Turner, for leading this coordination effort for the families of our community. Visit the Parks Department website, www.raytownparks.com, for more information about upcoming events this year.

We also must support our Arts Council in bringing the Arts to our City. Attend their events when you see them posted at www.raytownarts.com. The theater, art shows and music are truly fun and a great way to spend time with family and friends.

I am working every day with Staff, Aldermen, the Main Street Association, Chamber of Commerce and many other organizations to make more things happen in this town of ours, as well as to attract businesses and new residents

and to keep those residents that we already have here. I am always glad to talk with you and to answer your questions. I try to ensure that news affecting our town is posted on Facebook and other social media, so you can stay informed. Also, to keep up on local events and news, follow the Raytown Chamber, Raytown Main Street, and new to the electronic information scene, Raytown News.

Please remember, we are Raytown and we watch out for our own. Remember: Be Raytown, Invest in Raytown, Shop Raytown First, and that Raytown Rocks!

I am proud and blessed to be your Mayor. I take that trust very seriously. God Bless you all and may your days be filled with warmth, family, friends and great weather in which to enjoy life.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mike McDonough



FINANCE

The satellite office for Jackson County Property Tax is no longer located in Raytown City Hall. Jackson County accepts online payments and allows you to view and print receipts at jacksongov.org/172/Personal-Property-Tax.

Your tax needs can be taken care of in person at the two main offices:

JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

415 E. 12th Street, 1st Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 881-3232

JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENCE

112 W. Lexington, Suite 114
Independence, MO 64050
(816) 881-4661

SUMMER FAMILY CONCERT SERIES



**6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
ON THE GREENSPACE
TOWN CENTER, DOWNTOWN RAYTOWN
62ND & RAYTOWN RD**

JUNE 9: Marty & Gary
JULY 14: Jerry Hooper Band
AUGUST 11: TBA
SEPTEMBER 8: Nick Schnebelen

MORE INFORMATION
www.raytown.live

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 for a 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.

Be Safe This Spring and Summer!



BY KIM LESAGE, RAYTOWN EMS

With nicer, warmer weather upon us, more children and families are outside enjoying the fresh air.

While enjoying more time outdoors, there are also greater factors for accidents. With a little prevention, we can avoid related injuries. For example, **bike riders** as well as **skateboarders** and **scooter riders** should always wear helmets to prevent head injuries. Wear bright, reflective clothing and have proper lighting if riding at night.

Swimming: another summer activity where education and prevention are the keys to safety. Never leave toddlers and young

children unattended near swimming pools or bodies of water. Enroll your children in swim lessons to learn valuable basic swim skills. Teach children to use the buddy system while swimming, and never to run near a swimming pool.

Gardening: weed control and other poisonous substances may be around your home and yard while lawn work is being done. Make sure children don't have access to these poisonous substances, and don't leave them unattended.

Playing in driveways: Be cautious when backing out of a driveway that there are no small children playing. Also, secure all vehicles and trunks so younger children cannot get trapped in the vehicle while playing.

Heat in vehicles: For new parents or caregivers who aren't used to having a baby in their vehicle, there are methods to help remember. It only takes a matter of minutes on a warm day to cause permanent damage, or even a fatality, if a baby or child is left in a vehicle. New parents are encouraged to place a teddy bear in the front passenger seat to remind them. Another reminder: seatbelt a purse or briefcase in the back seat that must be retrieved before entering the office or workplace.

Raytown EMS is available to help you, your family or your organization with education and prevention for your safety needs. Our department offers CPR classes and child safety seat inspections and installations. Please contact us at 816-737-6030 if we may be of service to you.

Stay safe and have a happy and fun spring and summer!

Raytown Police Department
NOW HIRING
WE WANT YOU FOR OUR TEAM
LATERAL OFFICER * DETENTION * DISPATCH

* Lateral pay for experience * Full health insurance * 8 paid holidays * 2 personal days * All equipment and uniforms paid for * Retirement & Investment plans available * Special unit opportunities * Paid training *

VISIT WWW.RAYTOWNPOLICE.ORG OR CALL 816-737-6113 FOR MORE INFO

Occupancy Use Permits and Commercial Real Estate Brokers

Leasing and selling commercial real estate is very different than selling residential properties.

Commercial real estate is in a market focused on revenue and data. These transactions can take months of negotiation and involve multiple parties beyond the buyer and seller. A successful commercial real estate agent is best known for their ability to build relationships with clients, property owners, property managers, and municipalities.

The City of Raytown wants to help commercial agents be successful in their effort to lease and sell properties in Raytown. The various departments at City Hall can be resources to commercial real estate agents. Staff can provide information including, but not limited to, zoning and land use for properties, easement information, proposed redevelopment plans, demographic information, possible refers, and occupancy requirements.

As with any successful relationship, both parties must be willing to share information. While the City can provide information to assist an agent in securing a tenant or buyer, the City needs the agent to reciprocate the service. Regardless of what type of business venture a tenant or buyer may be opening within the City of Raytown, the first thing required is obtaining an Occupancy Use Permit from the City of Raytown. If the commercial real estate agent shares this requirement with every new tenant or buyer, the process can be completed in a timely manner to ensure quick occupancy.

The Occupancy Use Permit process must be completed prior to commencing business at the facility. A permit 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 inspect 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. Starting the process as soon as possible ensures that future use conforms to all City regulations and timely occupancy.

For more information about obtaining an Occupancy Use Permit, go to the City of Raytown's website, www.raytown.mo.us, or contact the Community Development Department at (816) 737-6014.

Lazy Pool Days of Summer

If your spring home improvement projects include the installation of a swimming pool, your to-do list must include obtaining a pool construction permit from the Community Development Department at Raytown City Hall.

Any pool, spa or hot tub capable of holding 24 inches of water or more must have a construction permit obtained and the construction approved prior to using the pool. Permit applications can be obtained from the Community Development Department.

Visit the Community Development office at Raytown City Hall, or www.raytown.mo.us, for a complete list of pool-related City regulations. Visit the Residential Construction page on the City's website.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (816) 737-6014.



Primary Election in the City of Raytown

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

The primary election on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 will include three ballot items related to the City of Raytown. This is the approved language you will see on election day.

Property Tax Levy

QUESTION 1

"Shall the general property tax rate for all subclasses of property be **increased to \$1.00** per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation so that the tax rate ceiling and the maximum authorized levy is set at \$1.00 in the 2018 tax year and subject to required rollbacks in the following tax years?"

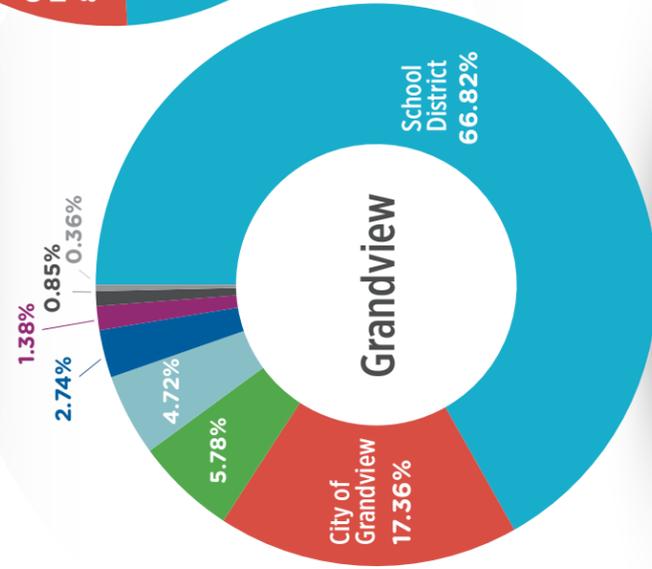
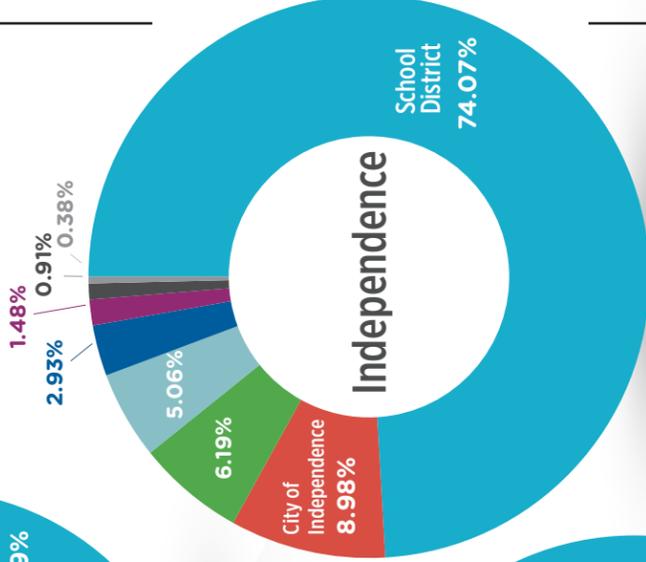
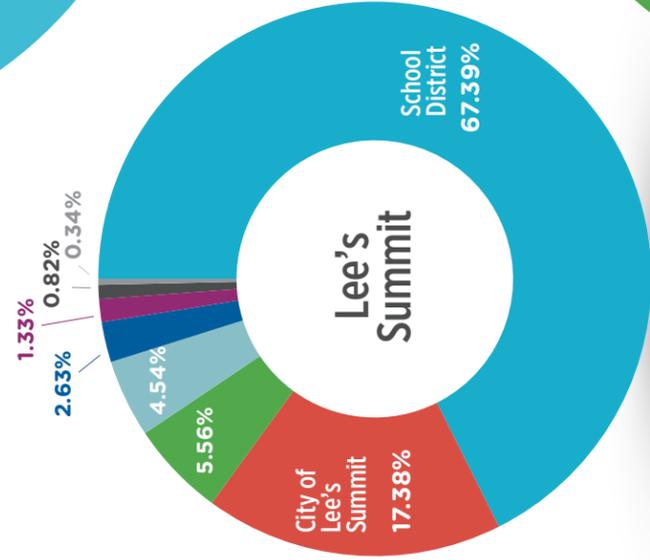
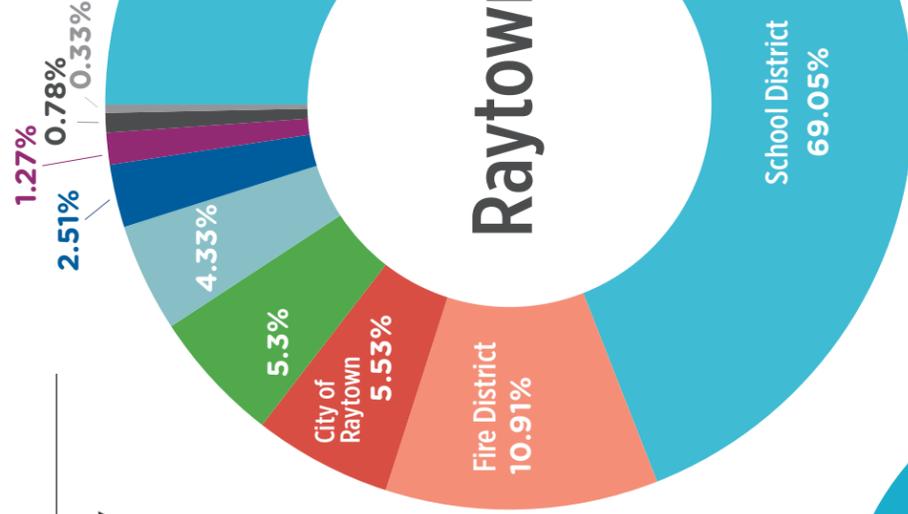
What is a Property Tax Levy?:

Property tax is based on the County's assessed value of real (e.g., homes and land) and personal property (e.g., cars and boats). A percentage of each dollar of property tax is distributed between the County, City, School District, and other taxing districts.

JACKSON COUNTY 2017 PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY CITY

The City of Raytown is being compared with other adjacent Jackson County cities.

- School District
- Fire District
- City of Raytown
- Jackson County
- Mid Continent Library
- Metro Junior College
- Mental Health
- Handicapped Workshop
- State of Missouri Blind Pension



Motor Fuel Fee

QUESTION 2

"Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri impose a city-wide Motor Fuel Fee on and paid by gasoline filling stations selling diesel fuel, gasoline, and/or blended fuels in an amount not to exceed two cents (\$0.02) per gallon based on the gallons of motor vehicle fuel sold, the proceeds which shall be used solely for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and signing of roads and streets?"

What is a Motor Fuel Fee?:

This is a fee supplementing the price of motor fuel purchased within the City of Raytown and would be applied per gallon on the sale of motor fuel within the City. The City of Raytown does not currently have a motor fuel fee charged on the purchase of fuel. Per state law, this fee must be used solely for transportation improvements.

331 LANE MILES OF STREETS IN RAYTOWN

Use Tax

QUESTION 3

"Shall the City of Raytown impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently 2.50%, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year."

USE TAX FAQ:

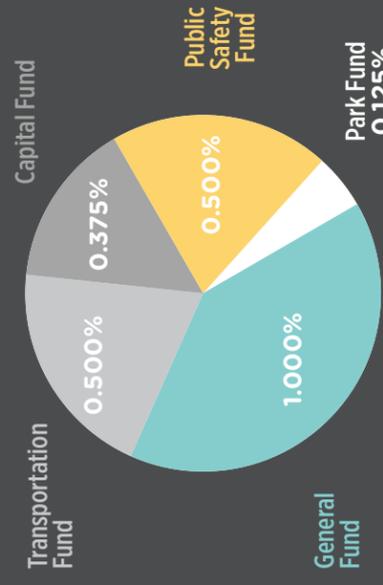
When is the Use Tax imposed?: A use tax only applies to purchases of out-of-state goods which do not already include a sales tax.

How much is the Use Tax?: The amount of use tax due on a transaction depends on the combined (local and state) use tax rate in effect at the Missouri location where the tangible personal property is stored, used or consumed.

Use Tax impact on Local Businesses: Will allow an equal playing field for the City's brick-and-mortar stores competing with online/catalog purchases.

Difference between Use Tax and Sales Tax: Sales and use taxes WILL NOT and CANNOT be applied at the same time. Shoppers would either pay Raytown's local sales tax of 2.5% at local retailers OR pay a 2.5% use tax on purchases from out-of-state retailers.

WHERE DO YOUR RAYTOWN SALES TAX PAYMENTS GO?



*Excludes Raytown Fire District Sales Tax





July 11, 2018
is the deadline
to register for
August 7, 2018
election.

WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Print a registration card and mail it back to the Jackson County Election Board. Card can be found at: www.jcebmo.org/voter-information/registration
2. Register in person at Raytown City Hall
3. Visit any other Jackson County Voter Registration location.

For more information about Voter Registration, contact the Jackson County Election Board

- (816) 842-4820
- www.jcebmo.org/voter-information/registration

RAYTOWN ARTS & MUSIC Festival

DATE Aug. 25
TIME 12 pm - 7 pm
PLACE Kenagy Park
COST FREE

Many KC artists, artisans & musicians will be showing their skills at the Arts & Music festival. The Raytown Parks and Raytown Chamber of Commerce help sponsor this event, and there will be attractions for kids as well.



Meet the City of Raytown's new Director of Parks!

DAVE TURNER BEGAN HIS employment with Raytown as the Sports & Special Event Supervisor in May of 1999. Turner came to the Raytown Parks Department from the Kirkwood, MO Parks & Recreation Department, and graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 1998, with a bachelor's degree in Park and Recreation Management.

"I am inspired by the citizens and social organizations in Raytown, in their capacity to support each other and seek ways to improve their community. I have been working with the citizens of Raytown for 19 years, and the support that this town finds within itself is what drives me to find the paths and methods to direct those efforts into something bigger than the sum of its parts. Raytown has surprised me in a lot of ways and being hired as the Raytown Parks Director has made me think of the responsibilities that I have taken on to serve the community to my fullest extent."

Since Turner's employment at the Raytown Parks Department he has led adult and youth sports programs, coordinated staff trainings and schedules, and has worked collaboratively with many social groups, churches, and volunteers to host events in the City of Raytown.



Raytown PROGRAM GUIDE

SPRING | SUMMER

Parks & Recreation



Softball

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

Raytown offers softball leagues for Men, Coed, and 50+ teams. The leagues are ASA sanctioned, providing balls, a rainout line, scorekeepers & umpires. 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.

Adult Fall Softball

Leagues will be starting in August for the fall season of adult softball. Games will be held at Colman and Little Blue Trace Parks, for Men's, Coed, and 50+ leagues. All leagues will be ASA sanctioned, with balls provided by the Raytown Parks Dept. and a scorekeeper on staff at every game. 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. For more information on the leagues available at Raytown Parks please call 358-4100.



Free Movies in the Park

TIME Dusk
PLACE Kenagy
COST Free

DATES
June 8
July 13
August 10

Raytown Parks provides a great movie night for the whole family. All movies begin at dusk at Kenagy Park. We hope to see you there! Movie selections can be found at www.raytownparks.com.



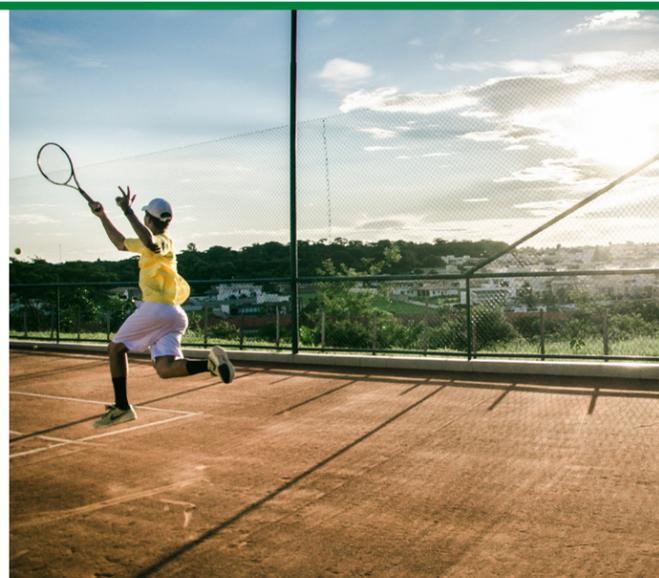
Pickle Ball

DATE Monday & Friday mornings
PLACE Colman

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 are played to 11 points. There will be events and clinics hosted throughout the summer at the Colman Park outdoor tennis courts.



Tennis



Adult Tennis League

SUMMER Jul 17 **PLACE** Kenagy
RUNS 10 weeks **COST** \$45
TIME 7 p.m.

This is a fun, active and social league with an onsite tennis coordinator to run the league. The summer league begins Tuesday, July 17th, 7 p.m. 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.

Adult Tennis Lessons

DATE Mon/Wed

RUNS 3 weeks

PLACE Colman Park & Kenagy Park

COST \$45 pp

LEVEL	NIGHT	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Recreational 2	Monday & Wednesday	June 25 Kenagy	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Wednesday	July 23 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 1	Monday & Wednesday	August 13 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Wednesday	September 10 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Wednesday	October 1 Colman	6:30 p.m.

Register at the Raytown Park office before classes before your class series begins.

Youth Tennis Lessons

DATE Wed/Sat

RUNS 5 weeks

PLACE Colman Park & Kenagy Park

COST \$40 pp

LEVEL	PARK	DAY	START	TIME
Recreational	Colman	Saturday	7-Jul	8:00 a.m.
Recreational	Colman	Wednesday	11-Jul	8:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Saturday	7-Jul	9:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Wednesday	11-Jul	9:00 a.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons are on Wednesday or Saturday mornings starting at 8 a.m. at Colman Park and Kenagy park.



Rice-Tremonti Historical Home

RICE-TREMONTI HOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT

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. Over 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 by e-mail at barbs119@juno.com.

Schedule a Tour

The Rice-Tremonti Home is available for tours by appointment all year long. The Friends of Rice-Tremonti group requests a donation of \$3 per adult; children admitted free. Tours can be scheduled by calling Leigh Elmore at 816-510-8179 or by e-mail at leighroi@kc.rr.com.

Preserving History

The Rice-Tremonti Home, built in 1844, is the oldest standing frame house in Jackson County, built by the Archibald Rice Family, early pioneers who came 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 the website www.rice-tremonti.org or find the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home on Facebook.



USA BMX MidAmerica Nationals

RAYTOWN BMX

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

Bicycle BMX 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 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 2016 National brought riders to Raytown from as far away as Hawai'i! Are you all ready?! They will be coming back for the 2018 Nationals on Sept 21-23 and again in 2020!

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. 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. racing shortly after.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org. For more information, contact Raquel Cumberland at rlcumberland@gmail.com.