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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 and GoogleTV Channel 145; 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

Raytown Police Ask Residents to Sign Up to Receive Local Alerts

The Raytown Police Department has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.



As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

- Text your ZIPCODE to 888777 from your mobile phone
- Text "Raytown" to 888777 from your mobile phone
- Go to www.nixle.com and sign up



May our Spring and Summer seasons find us coming out of the COVID19 Pandemic. Let's hope the good weather and sunshine help lift our spirits and we can get back to normal as soon as possible. My thoughts and prayers are with you all daily. We will win this battle.

Our community continues to see improvements, including those contributed by The Public Works Department. They have milled and overlaid two streets: 59th Street from Blue Ridge to Woodson Rd. and 79th street from Raytown Rd to Spring Valley Rd. Public Works used a micro-surfacing process to seal other streets as well. Additionally, the Parks Board approved staff to move forward with the installation of additional lights, internet and cameras to enhance security throughout our parks.

On March 4, 2020, the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved City Administrator Damon Hodges' selection and appointment of Robert Kuehl as the new Chief of Police to fill the vacancy after Chief Jim Lynch's retirement in 2019. After 34 years with the Kansas City Police Department, Robert Kuehl was sworn in on April 1st, 2020 at Raytown City Hall. I want to personally thank Major Randy Hudspeth for his excellent service and leadership as the Interim Police Chief for our Department. Thank you for your excellent leadership during this time of transition. It could not have been done as well without you.

City Administrator Hodges' team of senior staff are talented, dedicated folks, working for you the taxpayer and moving this town forward in positive ways. I thank them and our local first responders for their continued efforts to protect our community.

Until this Pandemic is over, I encourage you to wash your hands, stay at home unless it is necessary to travel for essential supplies or work, and be kind to one another. When this is over, I look forward to seeing you all in our parks and around town where I can get back to shaking hands, giving hugs and reconnecting on how you have been. This is a great town with the greatest people. We will get through this together. God Bless and be safe.

Mayor Mike McDonough

#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.

✓ 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

RAYTOWN POLICE

Meet the City of Raytown's

New Police Chief



ROBERT KUEHL comes to us with 34 years of experience with the Kansas City, MO Police Department, having served the last seven years as Deputy Chief. Some of his experiences during his tenure include assignments in patrol, SWAT, special operations, regional training academy, research and development, communications and logistical support. He has designed and implemented a strategic risk management approach that has not only been utilized within KCPD but is also presented regularly at the Command and General Staff College for the United States Army. Bob has a Master's in Education with a concentration in Instructional Leadership from Graceland University and a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Monmouth University in New Jersey.

Bob, along with his wife of 31 years and their three children have lived in the Raytown community for more than three decades. He loves his Kansas City sports teams and his hobbies include bike riding, swimming and spending time with his family and three dogs.

Sewer & Storm Projects

The City's FY2019-2020 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer project locations are finalized. The City's budget for these projects is \$300,000, but our anticipated cost is expected to be approximately \$210,000. Our engineers have completed designs for these projects and Public Works staff anticipates summer 2020 construction. Expect road closures while work is taking place. Please contact Public Works for any questions at 816-737-6012.

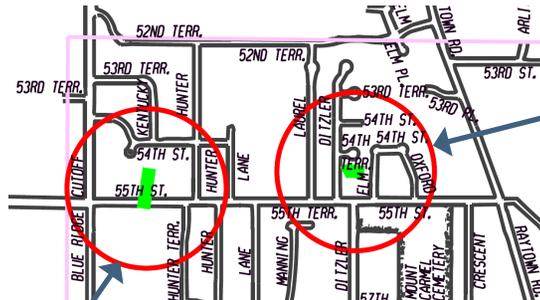


SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS

- 1. 55th Street
- 2. Ditzler Avenue
- 3. Booth Avenue

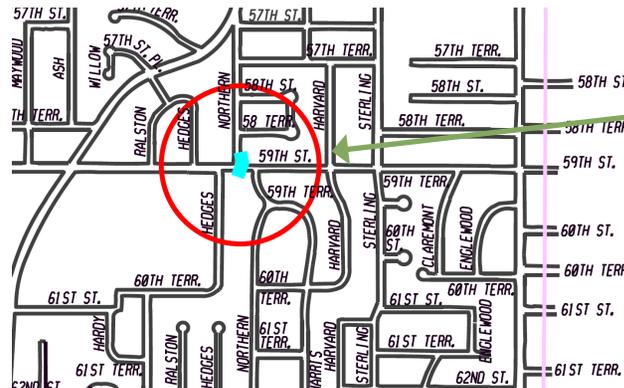
STORM DRAINAGE PROJECTS

- 1. 59th Street



SANITARY SITE 2

Rerouting of an existing 8" sanitary line using open excavation to install the new line.



STORM SITE 1

Removing an existing 15" concrete pipe and replacing with an 18" plastic pipe. This will be a road crossing under 59th Street and Northern Avenue.

SANITARY SITE 1

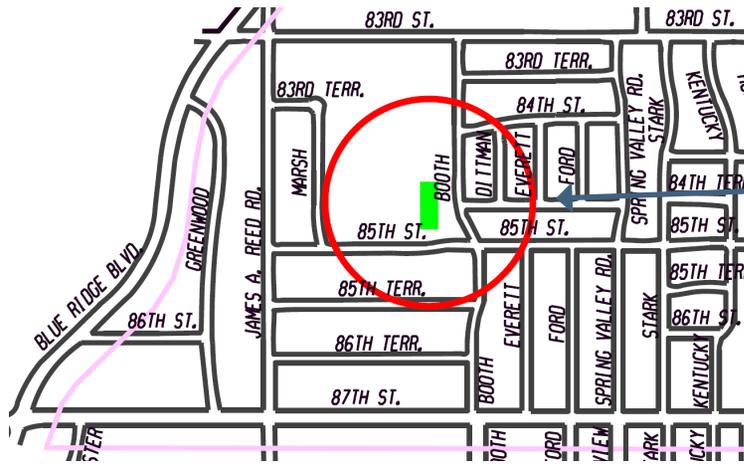
Pipe bursting of an existing 8" clay sanitary line and replacing with plastic pipe.



Meet the City of Raytown's New Public Works Director!

Jose has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas University in Public Administration with two Associate degrees from Johnson County Community College, one in Civil Engineering Technology. Jose is currently studying for his Master's in Public Administration at the University of Kansas in the evenings. He comes to the City of Raytown with 12 years of public sector experience in public works. Over five of those years have been spent at the executive level. All of Jose's career has been spent on the Kansas side of the state line where he helped develop street maintenance, stormwater maintenance and asset management programs. Jose was instrumental in securing over \$6 million dollars in regional and local level grant funding for construction projects.

Jose is a proud, born and raised Kansas Citian who grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Jackie, of 20 years and his two sons, Nicholas and Adriano. Jose is a huge sports fan, rooting for our hometown Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. He is also a big Kansas basketball fan. As a hobby, Jose likes to play chess and recently bought himself a bicycle for paved trails.



SANITARY SITE 3

Removing several yards of an existing 8" clay line and replacing with an 8" plastic line using open excavation.

Service Line Warranty

The City has partnered with the National League of Cities to offer Raytown residents a service line warranty program through Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). Many property owners are not aware of their responsibility for the service lines on their property until they have a repair emergency. The Service Line Warranty Program offers affordably priced emergency repair/replacement plans to address aging private lines.

BENEFITS TO HOMEOWNERS & LANDLORDS



Water Line



Interior Plumbing



Sewer Line

One call 24/7, 365 days a year to Service Line Warranties of America's toll-free number and a LOCAL LICENSED CONTRACTOR will be dispatched to quickly make repairs. Residents have already begun receiving details in the mail about the Service Line Warranties of America program and the optional coverage they offer.

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 a 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.

All Parks activities are subject to current and future COVID-19 related restrictions.

Visit the Parks Department website (www.raytownparks.com) or call 816-358-4100 for updates.



FREE COMMUNITY

Fishing Derby

DATE June 6 **PLACE** Kenagy
TIME 9 am - 11 am **COST** Free

Fun for all ages, prizes in every age category, in partnership with the great people of the Sol-Pro Bass Club, we hope to see you there!



Free Movies in the Park

TIME Dusk **PLACE** Kenagy Park

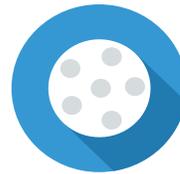
DATES June 19 (*Moana*); July 17 (*Inside Out*); August 14 (*Minions*)



Adult Coed Kickball

STARTS June 5 **COST** \$170
RUNS 6 weeks **per team (up to 20 people)**
PLACE Kenagy

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



Pickle Ball

PLACE Colman Park

COURT AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. Played on a scaled down tennis court with wooden paddles. Rules are a combination of badminton, tennis, and ping-pong. There will be events and clinics throughout the summer hosted at the Colman Park outdoor tennis courts.

Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 11th **TIME** 10am-1pm

This is a FREE event at Kenagy Park, open to all ages. AZ Exotic Animal Adventures, LLC will be bringing their petting zoo to the park for the kids to enjoy! Also, a police car, fire truck and ambulance will be there for the kids to explore!



Softball

• Spring/Summer **COST**
 • Adult Fall **\$310-\$510**

FIELD AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. Raytown offers softball leagues for Men's, Women's, 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. The fields are maintained and lined daily. Leagues include 7-14 games, depending on the league.

Raytown Live Concert Series

MORE INFORMATION
www.raytown.live



SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, JUNE-SEPTEMBER

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
ON THE GREENSPACE
 TOWN CENTER, DOWNTOWN RAYTOWN
 62ND & RAYTOWN RD



Tennis

Adult Tennis League

SPRING May 18 **TIME** 7 p.m.
SUMMER Jul 27 **PLACE** Colman
RUNS 10 weeks **COST** \$45

This is a fun, active and social league with an onsite tennis coordinator to run the league. Drinks and balls will be provided. Sign up at the Raytown Parks Department office before the class starts or at the Colman Tennis courts the first night of the league. Start dates are tentative.

Adult Tennis Lessons

DATE Mon/Thurs 7 pm
RUNS 3 weeks
PLACE Colman Park & Kenagy Park
COST \$50 pp

Register at the Raytown Parks Department office.

LEVEL	WEEKDAY	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Recreational 1	Monday & Thursday	May 18 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Thursday	June 15 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Thursday	July 6 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 1	Monday & Thursday	July 27 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Thursday	August 17 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Thursday	September 7 Colman	7:00 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons

TIME 6 pm
RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$45 pp

LEVEL	WEEKDAY	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Recreational	Monday	June 1 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Recreational	Thursday	June 4 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Recreational	Monday	July 6 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Recreational	Thursday	July 9 Colman	6:00 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons are on Monday or Thursday evenings starting at 6 PM at Colman Park. The classes are 5 weeks long and cost \$45 per person.



Raytown BMX

Raytown BMX. Home for the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020 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! The track hosts races every Thursday evening that span a season from May 18-November. Nationals will be back this year, October 9 - 11!

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

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org.



Rice-Tremonti

HISTORIC HOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT

One of the most historic properties in the region is located right here in Raytown. 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.

Visitors are welcome to attend events sponsored by the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home. Tours are available from Leigh Elmore at 816-510-8179. The house and grounds are available for rentals to the public through Barb Schlapia at 816-277-7934 or barbs119@juno.com

www.rice-tremonti.org