

The Chamber

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Quarterly Newsletter

Buying local is important now more than ever!



Main Street - Independence Square

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Oct/Nov/Dec 2020

Charter Members

The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful to our Charter members for their ongoing support, which allows us to offer programs and events that help our city and members grow and prosper.



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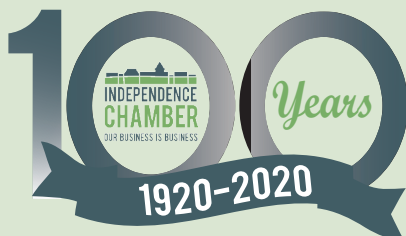
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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

State of the Schools



Dr. Dale Herl
Independence School
District



Dr. Jason Snodgrass
Ft. Osage
School District



Dr. Paul Kinder
Blue Springs
School District

Plan to attend the October Membership Luncheon, we will hear from the Independence, Fort Osage, and Blue Springs School District Superintendents on how schools are operating since re-opening for Fall of 2020.

While protective face masks are not required when eating your meal, in compliance with the requirements set by the City of Kansas City and Jackson County, masks will be mandatory at this event.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

When:

OCTOBER

Wednesday

21

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where:

Stoney Creek Hotel &
Conference Center
18011 Bass Pro Drive
Independence, MO 64055

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**NEW
EVENT**

**INDEPENDENCE
CHAMBER**

RUN for your LIFE

**VIRTUAL
5K RUN/WALK**
OCT 31ST - NOV 7TH, 2020

The Independence Chamber Run For Your Life Virtual 5K & 1 mile Fun Run is an amazing way to be frightfully fit this Halloween, along with raising funds to help sustain the Chamber.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

\$30 - 5K Registration with shirt and medal

\$20 - 1 Mile Fun Run with shirt

Register here:

[runsignup.com/Race/MO/Independence/
RunForYourLifeVirtual5KRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Independence/RunForYourLifeVirtual5KRunWalk)



**QUESTIONS? Contact Morgan by email, at Morgan@iChamber.biz -or- call (816) 252-4745
PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2020**

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 6

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom

OCTOBER 7

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

OCTOBER 9

FOODIE FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
NS Custom Cakes
1524 E 23rd St., Suite B

OCTOBER 13

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

OCTOBER 14

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

OCTOBER 15

QUALITY HOUSING & SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

OCTOBER 16

FOODIE FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Carrabba's Italian Grill
19900 Valley View Pkwy

OCTOBER 21

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr.
18011 Bass Pro Drive

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OCTOBER 22

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Candlewood Suites
4545 S. Trace Park Court
Independence, MO 64057



OCTOBER 27

SHRED EVENT
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman



This single-day event is complimentary for Independence Chamber Members & Independence Residents. Bring your documents to the Chamber of Commerce building for a convenient drive-through drop-off experience.

OCTOBER 28

iMembership 101
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

OCTOBER 29

RIBBON CUTTING
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wine Down 109
10914 E Winner Rd.

OCTOBER 31

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE VIRTUAL 5K RUN/
WALK BEGINS
Oct. 31 through Nov. 7th. 2020
Online - Registration required

NOVEMBER 3

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom

NOVEMBER 5

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

NOVEMBER 5

RIBBON CUTTING
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Frisk Brothers Moving
109 W Lexington Ave

NOVEMBER 10

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

NOVEMBER 11

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

NOVEMBER 18

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
TBD



Be sure to join us for the November Membership Luncheon to hear remarks from the Kansas City Mavericks CEO, Brent Theissen and new Head Coach, Tad O'Had.

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NOVEMBER 18

COMMUNITY BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

NOVEMBER 19

QUALITY HOUSING & SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

NOVEMBER 20

RIBBON CUTTING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Joy Coffee (Inside City House)
430 E Bellevista Dr.

NOVEMBER 28

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
All Day Event



Join the Chamber, the Independence EDC, and the Independence Square Association for this holiday shopping tradition in supporting and shopping your LOCAL small businesses.

DECEMBER 1

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online via Zoom

DECEMBER 2

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

DECEMBER 3

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

DECEMBER 4

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11:30 AM-1:00 PM
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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

DECEMBER 17

QUALITY HOUSING & SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING
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We're looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming Chamber networking events. To register for these events or for more information visit:

www.iChamber.biz

PLEASE NOTE:
Event dates and details are subject to change. Please check the Chamber calendar for the most current event details.

Ribbon Cuttings



July 24, 2020

NS Custom Cakes
1524 E 23rd Street
Independence, MO 64055



August 13, 2020

Classy Canines
17601 E US Hwy 40 Suite F,
Independence, MO 64055



August 26, 2020

Real Country 1030 KCWJ
18920 E. Valley View Pkwy #F
Independence, MO 64055



September 1, 2020

StorTropolis
3140 NW Jefferson St
Blue Springs, MO 64015



September 22, 2020

Ignite Medical Resorts
20511 E. Trinity Place
Blue Springs, MO 64015

BUSINESS *After* HOURS

Unwind at the end of your day and strengthen your professional contacts at the same time.

Candlewood Suites will be hosting a full cookout for members that attend, so you won't want to miss it! With its social atmosphere and quality contacts, you can't beat this networking opportunity!

WHEN

Thursday, October 22, 2020
4:30-6:00 PM

WHERE



**CANDLEWOOD
SUITES**

AN IHG® HOTEL

4545 S Trace Court
Independence, MO 64057

Please register for this event on the Chamber website:
<https://independencemo.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/11986>

DON'T MISS THIS ONE DAY EVENT!



Independence Chamber of Commerce
Shred Event
October 27, 2020
10a-2p

Give back to your local community & safely dispose of important documents when you attend a **Shred One KC Shred Event**. This single-day complimentary event is for Independence Chamber members & Independence residents. Bring your documents to the Chamber of Commerce building for a convenient drive-through drop-off experience.

WHEN

Monday, October 26th, 2020
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

WHERE

Independence Chamber Parking Lot
210 W. Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050

Thank you!

Special thanks to the following businesses who have given 110%:

- 1st MidAmerica Credit Union
- American Funding Solutions
- Beth Franklin Real Estate Team
- Downey Construction
- Evans & Steele
- Hartsook
- Hollis & Miller
- Independence EDC
- Rotary Club of Independence
- Speaks Chapels, LLC
- Independence Ennovation Center
- JE Dunn
- Kapke & Willerth
- Leone-Knipp Insurance Group
- RDS Equipment
- Rotary Club of Eastern Indep.

We invite you to join our 110% Club. When members voluntarily contribute an extra 10% over their annual investment amount, your contribution is tax deductible and will help the Chamber in strengthening our infrastructure.

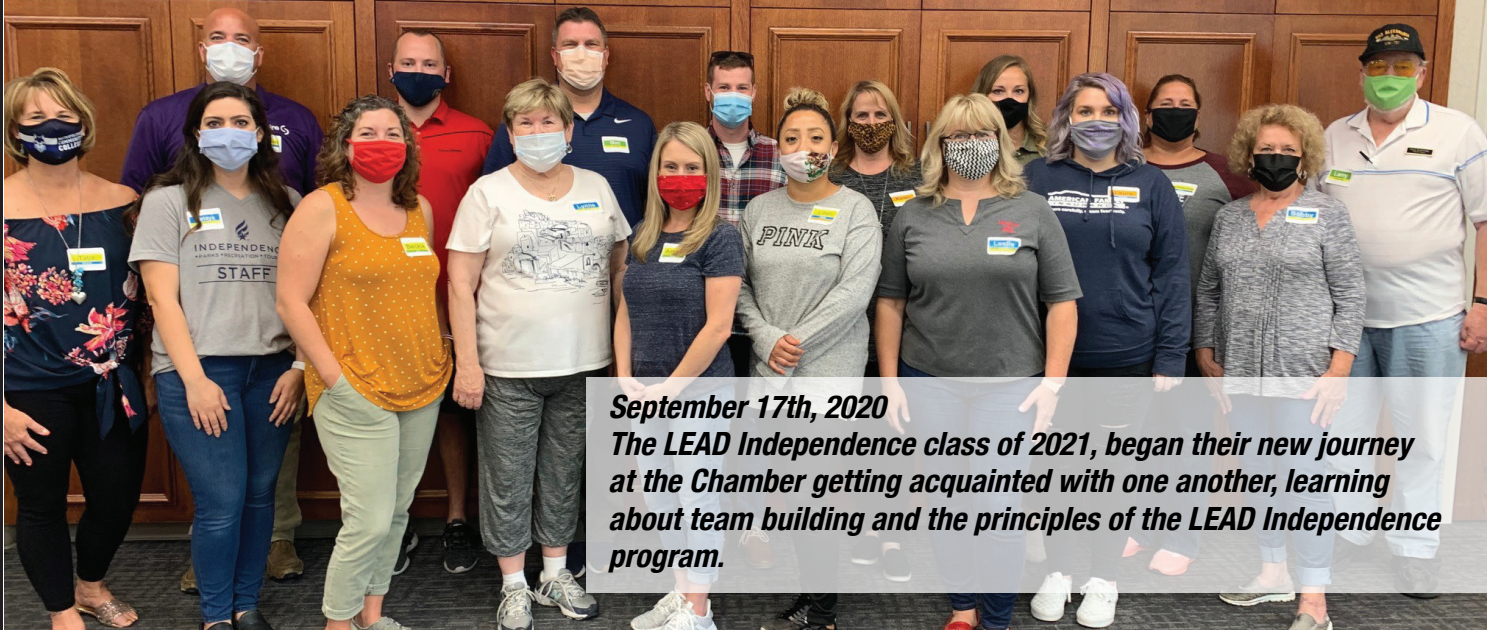
As a member of the 110% Club, participating businesses will receive recognition on the Chamber's website, social media pages, in the Chamber's newsletter, and at Chamber events throughout the year.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kris Zerr - kris@ichamber.biz or (816) 787-0313.



*Meet the 2020-2021 L.E.A.D.
Independence class*



September 17th, 2020

The LEAD Independence class of 2021, began their new journey at the Chamber getting acquainted with one another, learning about team building and the principles of the LEAD Independence program.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON



Guest Speaker



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Where

Location to
be announced

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Metropolitan
Community College
Blue River

Save the Date



★
**MAKE A
BIG IMPACT
SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY**
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Saturday
November 28th, 2020

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - October-December 2020

Aldi Inc. - 11605 E 23rd St
United Way of Greater Kansas City
Crown Services, Inc
Barbour Concrete Co.
Konica Minolta Business Solutions
Little Richards Family Restaurant Inc
Worlds of Fun
Evansfield Distillery
Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
KC Baby Back Ribs
E. Edwards Workwear
Frisk Brothers Moving
Jack in the Box
St. Michael the Archangel
A.G. Spanos Companies
Smoothie King
MVP Awards and Engraving
Synago LLC
Kim Connects KC Home Team
Lip Sense by SeneGence with Angie Judy @
Pucker Up
Austin Conley Agency
CareNow Urgent Care

Peace Partnership
Lotus Key Homes LLC
HeavyRemoval.com
Hap Graff
KS StateBank
KJ Remodeling LLC
Jim Carter Truck Parts
Speaks Chapels
Speaks Buckner Chapel
The Print Shop KC
Independence Family Eye Care
Community Blood Center
Highway 7 Chiropractic
Peggye Turner
Kelly Freeland
All Star Pictures
i360 Insurance, LLC
Twin Peaks
University Health Community Care Fairmount
Kansas City Comets
Blair's Foster Socks
My Place Hotel
Medley Smiles

5-14 Years - October-September 2020

Allis Chalmers Industrial Park
The Arc of the Ozarks
Main Event Entertainment
Batteries + Bulbs
Independence Square Tax Benefit District
Toppers Food Mart Inc
Remax Elite, Realtors- T. David Rogers
Diamond Bowl
Applied Path
Newmark Grubb Zimmer
First Federal Bank of Kansas City
Fred Hahn
Charlie's Car Wash
Courthouse Exchange Restaurant & Lounge
El Pico Mexican Restaurant
Wild About Harry Mens Accessories &
Furnishings
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 23rd St
Servpro of Lee's Summit, Raytown, East
Kansas City
Phoenix Home Care & Hospice

Yogurtini
Mauer Law Firm
Heritage Physicians Group
Liberty Exposition Services, Inc.
State Farm Insurance, Chad Mitchell
Main Street Coffee House
Kansas City Mavericks Pro Hockey
Edward Jones, Chris Thiele
Edward Jones, Adam Kliethermes
Mother's Refuge
Studio on Main
AAA Disposal Service
Children's Mercy
BeHereNow
Ron Bruch
Cafe Verona
Clinton's Soda Fountain
Gilbert Whitney & Co
Ophelia's Restaurant & Inn
Square Pizza

15-24 Years - Oct.- Dec. 2020

Kansas City Public Library -Trails West Branch
Cornerstone Apartment Homes
BerganKDV
ISA
Rand Construction Co.
Hereford House Restaurant
Hilburn Trucking Inc.
Independence School District Foundation
State Farm Insurance, Stacey Schell Newland
American Family Insurance, Thomas Blau
Auto Color & Equipment Inc.
McDaniel Furnace & Sheet Metal Inc.
Recognition Plus
Red Carpet Service
Silverstein Eye Centers PC
V's Italiano Ristorante
Gallagher Insurance & Risk Management
Independence Housing Authority
Midwest Machine Co. Inc.
Rotary Club of Independence
Smokehouse Barbecue

25-39 Years - Oct.- Dec. 2020

Balanced Body Chiropractic Center PC
Junior Service League of Independence
1st MidAmerica Credit Union
Cargo Largo
Columbia College
Greg's Tire Center
The Fountains at Greenbriar
Independence Womens Clinic
Downey Construction Inc.
Greg's Lock & Key Service Inc.
Harry S. Truman Library and Museum
Fort Osage R-I School District
Sam's Club
Bank of Grain Valley
City of Independence
City of Independence Fire Dept.
City of Independence Police Dept.
City of Independence Power & Light
Comcast

40-49 Years - Oct.- Dec. 2020

Scott King, Attorney
The Groves
Ted's Trash Service Inc.
L & C Meat Inc.
Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.
Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co

*Congratulations on many
successful years in business!*

Officers:

Sonci Bleckinger
Chair of the Board
Central Bank of the Midwest

Kim Deveney
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Beth Franklin
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Terri Steele
Past Chair of the Board
Evans & Steele Financial, LLC

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Kurt Graham
Harry S Truman Library

Dr. Dale Herl
Independence School District

Dr. Paul Kinder
Blue Springs School District

Dr. Thomas Meyer
MCC - Blue River

J.D. Kehrman
Independence EDC

Dr. Jason Snodgrass
Fort Osage School District

Zach Walker
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Medley Smiles

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Drumm Farm Center for Children

Brad Speaks
Speaks Family Legacy Chapels

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The Trevor Tilton Farmers Agency

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Your input is needed!

Which transportation projects should be recommended for funding?

MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) received 118 applications for projects totaling more than \$192 million, and there is only about \$61 million of funding available. Since your tax dollars help pay for the federal and state programs that provide this funding, which projects get funded may affect you and your community. You are invited to share your opinions about the proposed projects.

You can view project applications by organization, by project type and by funding source. Scroll all the way to the bottom of each project page and use the form to submit your comments:

https://gis2.marc2.org/tr_cfp/browseprojects-all.aspx

TRANSPORTATION



Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“We cannot change our past.
We can not change the fact that
people act in a certain way. We
can not change the inevitable.
The only thing we can do is play
on the one string we have, and
that is our attitude.”

~ Charles Swindoll ~



WELCOME

New Chamber Members

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2020

- Common House KC
- Blue Mills Plumbing LLC dba Val Gross Plumbing
 - Mister DipZ Cookies & Sweet Treats
 - Buwen's African Import, LLC
 - Joy Coffee LLC
 - 1st & 10 Sports Collectibles
 - Sacred Roots Holistic Healing LLC
- Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Carson F. Burke
 - StorTropolis

Save the Date



Alumni Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 4th, 2020

11:30 AM-1:00 PM | Carrabba's Italian Grill