

The Chamber

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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April/May/June 2023



*Building the Dream!*

New East Library Branch coming in 2024

# Regional & Community Leader Members



The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful for our Regional & Community Leader Members!

We appreciate their ongoing support allowing us to offer programs and events that help our city and members grow and prosper.

## Regional Leader



## Community Leaders



# CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY  
JUNE 30, 2023

WINTERSTONE GOLF COURSE

**SIGN UP BY  
JUNE 3RD  
FOR THE BEST  
PRICING!**

**SPONSORSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**

*Prizes  
Raffles  
& Fun*



**» REGISTER  
NOW!**

## **EARLY BIRD TEAM PRICING UNTIL JUNE 3RD!**

CHAMBER MEMBERS: \$500/EARLY BIRD TEAM  
\$550/TEAM AFTER JUNE 3RD -OR- \$150/INDIVIDUAL  
NON-MEMBER: \$600/EARLY BIRD TEAM  
\$650/TEAM AFTER JUNE 3RD -OR- \$175/INDIVIDUAL

**7:00 AM  
REGISTRATION  
& BREAKFAST  
8:00 AM  
SHOTGUN START**

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ANYONE AT THE CHAMBER  
INFO@ICHAMBER.BIZ OR 816.252.4745

# Calendar of Events

## APRIL

### APRIL 6

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
1:00 PM-2:00 PM  
Blystone Insurance Agency  
2866 S State Route 291, Suite E

**AND**

**EJC BASH**  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
KC Zoo  
6800 Zoo Drive, Kansas City MO 64132



Join us for an evening at the KC Zoo as we kick off a fun-filled event featuring networking, vendor showcases, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and much more.

**EJC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Independence, Blue Springs, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Raytown and South Kansas City

### APRIL 7

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Smokehouse BBQ  
19000 E 39th St



### APRIL 10

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
& Online Via Zoom

### APRIL 11

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd

**AND**

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
2:00 PM-3:00 PM  
FYZICAL Therapy and Balance Centers  
20120 E Jackson Drive, Suite B

### APRIL 12

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

### APRIL 13 & 14

**COMMUNITY EXCHANGE TRIP TO WEST DES MOINES, IOWA**  
All Day

### APRIL 17

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

### APRIL 18

**YIPS BEFORE HOURS**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
ECLAIRS de la LUNE  
205 N Main St



Join the YIPs for this special Before Hours event! We will be visiting our friends at Eclairs de la Lune for a special tour of the space, along with a pop in from Pleasant Street Coffee.

### APRIL 19

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**  
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
Hilton Garden Inn  
19677 E Jackson Dr



*Featured Panelists*



Plan to attend the Membership Breakfast, where we will be featuring a panel for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by partnering with our friends at West Ind Connection.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

**capa**  
Child Abuse Prevention Association



### APRIL 21

**LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

**LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**

### APRIL 24

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:30 PM-5:30 PM  
Dental Depot  
16801 E Us Hwy 24

### APRIL 25

**SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



This month Carter Broadcasting will give a presentation on local digital marketing and how it can work behind the scenes to attract the target market for your business.

### APRIL 26

**IEDP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM-9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

**AND**

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:30 PM-5:30 PM  
Marie A Hudson Farmers Insurance  
1509 South Noland Road, Suite B

### APRIL 27

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
United Consumers Credit Union  
1111 East 23rd Street

## MAY

### MAY 2

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

### MAY 5

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Los Cabos Mexican Grill  
18201 E Bass Pro Drive



## MAY 8

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## MAY 9

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

## MAY 10

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## MAY 15

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

## MAY 17

**L.E.A.D. GRADUATION & MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Church of the Four Corners  
14300 E Us Highway 40

Join us for the May Membership Luncheon featuring the graduation of this year's LEAD class!



## MAY 19

**LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## MAY 23

**SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



## MAY 24

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Hillcrest Transitional Housing  
209 E 3rd Drive South

# JUNE

## JUNE 1

**ANNUAL CHAMBER PICNIC**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Independence Uptown Market  
211 W Truman Rd.

# PICNIC

Join your fellow Chamber Members for Member Appreciation Day.  
**FREE** food, fun & networking! **PLEASE** RSVP so that we may plan accordingly!

## JUNE 2

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
McAlister's Deli  
19130 East 39th St



## JUNE 6

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

## JUNE 7

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

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4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
& Online Via Zoom

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
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210 W Truman Rd.

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Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



## JUNE 30

**42ND ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC**  
7:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Winterstone Golf Course  
17101 E Kentucky Road



Join us for the 43rd Annual Chamber Golf Classic! This is one of the Chambers best opportunities to network with business leaders and golf with clients and associates while genuinely having a great time. Participants will enjoy breakfast, lunch, contests, 50/50 Raffle, prizes and more!

### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring this event, please contact anyone at the Chamber by email at: [info@iChamber.biz](mailto:info@iChamber.biz) or call (816) 252-4745

Help us to plan accordingly by registering for these events online:

[www.iChamber.biz](http://www.iChamber.biz)



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Event dates and details are subject to change without notice. Please check the Chamber calendar for the most current event details.

# Ribbon Cuttings



**January 6, 2023**

**Laura Lynne Real Estate  
317 W Kansas Ave, Suite B  
Independence MO 64050**



**January 13, 2023**

**Paws & Pals  
3713 SW Hwy 40  
Blue Springs, MO 64015**



**February 17, 2023**

**Studio FIVE  
19310 E 50th Terr, Suite M  
Independence, MO 64055**



**February 17, 2023**

**WiNc Inclusion Center  
10910 Winner Rd  
Independence, MO 64052**



**March 14, 2023**

**Club Car Wash  
19151 E 39th Street South  
Independence, MO 64057**

# Ribbon Cuttings



**March 22, 2023**

**Comprehensive Behavioral Health  
Crisis Center  
17421 Medical Center Parkway  
Independence, MO 64057**



**March 23, 2023**

**Lucas Commercial Flooring Group  
9804 E 36th St S  
Independence, MO 64052**



**March 31, 2023**

**Sunshine Art by Nancy  
709 W Maple Ave  
Independence, MO 64050**



**We would be delighted to help your business celebrate with a grand opening, new management, new location, or a remodel or expansion at your present location with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Please contact Paula McKinney at [paula@ichamber.biz](mailto:paula@ichamber.biz) to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony or scan the QR code to apply online.**

# LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Interact with legislators representing Independence, hear legislative updates, and learn about activities at the local and state levels. The briefings are open to all Chamber members and are free of charge.



April 21, 2023 • 8:30 AM  
May 19, 2023 • 8:30 AM



Independence  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road  
Independence, MO 64050



Online via Zoom  
Please register to receive  
Zoom information

*You're  
Invited!*

## 10th Annual Member Appreciation Chamber Picnic



JUNE

11:30 AM

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1:00 PM

**Food, fun & networking!**

Independence Uptown Market  
211 W. Truman Rd.

# YIP OF THE QUARTER SPOTLIGHT



Meet  
Jeff Griffith

## WHY DID YOU JOIN THE YOUNG INDEPENDENCE PROFESSIONALS?

In July of 2017, I founded the YIPs with a lot of help from the Chamber staff to bring more young professionals into the chamber and get young professionals more active within the chamber. I remember my first day walking into a Chamber luncheon nervous because I did not know anyone. I wanted future young professionals to not have to deal with that feeling. Our group gave young people a chance to make connections with their peers and then when they came to a luncheon, they would already have familiar faces to connect with.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER?

About five and a half years

SCAN THE CODE  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT YIPS



INDEPENDENCE PROFESSIONALS

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT INDEPENDENCE?

I love how unique this city and community is. Independence is a community full of down-to-earth good people with unique businesses that you do not get anywhere else. People step up for each other in this community and work together. That is special. I am so glad that I get be part of this amazing community.

## WHAT IS SOMETHING INTERESTING OR UNIQUE ABOUT YOU OR YOUR STORY?

I was born to parents who lived in Independence at the time and while my mother taught in the Independence School District her entire career of over 35 years, we left when I was about 3 years old, and I have not ever moved back to Independence since. But that never stopped us from being part of the community. Independence is where my family has always chosen to spend most our free time. Whether it is restaurants or shopping, my family continues frequent Independence businesses, consistently. And while I do not live in Independence, no one has ever made me not feel part of this community and that is special. Thank you for that!

# Member Spotlight



*Lynne Baker*

Business to  
Education Connector

Your eyes scan the room, and among the blond, brown and occasional red headed individuals, your eyes will be drawn back to an unexpected color in the midst. You find the turquoise or bright pink or even a bright lime green, and you know you are about to meet a lovely, beautiful, welcoming and upbeat Charline Gray.

Charline, a member of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, has been a strong supporter of our Chamber, since coming on as a new member. She is from Kansas City, MO and graduated from Metro Tech where she learned the art of hairdressing. It was not long before Charline knew that being a beautician was not her "jam". She went on to do a variety of other careers, twenty-one years retail management with Casual Corner and twelve years as a personal banker, where she ended as a branch manager. Meanwhile, Charline was married and raising her own family, including her daughter and two of her cousins children who were foster children to her.

One of Charline's gifts is "gathering" friends along her journey through life. As her daughter became older, Charline's home became the "center" for her high school age friends. When her daughter's friends were short on cash, naturally they reached out to the person who had been there for them historically...Charline. Rather than becoming just a financial resource, Charline thought it was important for the girls to learn a better way of living, rather than depending on the generosity of others.

Originally, a cleaning company owned by Charline's friend, would find employment for the girls. However, Charline, decided in 2015, she would organize her own cleaning company and the girls would realize a greater percentage of income. In May 2022, Charline got the licenses, bonded and insured herself, as a cleaner for commercial businesses. Three months later, she quit her own corporate managerial post to become a full-time owner of The Cleaning Crew of KC.

Asking Charlene what she has learned as a business owner, she gave me a few tips which she has learned over the many years of working:

- As a business owner, you must have a passion for what you do!
- Don't start a business you don't know how to do, because, very likely, you will be called upon to step-in and do the job.
- Love people where they are in life! All of us have experienced problems, so it is important.
- To let them know they have value and worth.
- As a business owner, you need to have a position of "servant leadership" so people will know they are valued at work.

Charline is quite active in our Chamber. She told me it is like a "family, where everyone knows your name.... like Cheers". Charline, in action, illustrates what great networking is all about. She will tell you, it is like "talking to friends and family".

Charline's own values and principles have made her a very strong business owner. In August of 2022, she had one account. In less than a year, as of today, Charline is now managing fourteen accounts. Building her business relationships with integrity and honesty has been a cornerstone of her business principles. She also focuses on hiring workers who are transitioning through difficult circumstances. Like each of our Independence Chamber members, Charline brings a unique and experienced insight to her business. She thrives in learning and teaching others to make the most of their own talents, which can lead them to individually have more productive lives! We are glad you are one of us, Charline!



*Charline Gray, Owner  
The Cleaning Crew of KC*

# LEAD INDEPENDENCE



The L.E.A.D. class of 2022-23 is drawing near the end. For the past 8 months, the Independence L.E.A.D. class has gained insight to many industries within our community, such as education, health care, government, tourism, social services and economic development. Many were able to meet and build relationships with other talented like-minded Chamber members and leaders in their class throughout the year and beyond. In the end, everyone benefits as the class receives an expanding wealth of information, which in turn helps to achieve a better community for Independence.

**REGISTER NOW  
FOR THE  
2023-24  
L.E.A.D. CLASS**

## REGISTER TODAY!

The 2023-24 L.E.A.D. class will meet 9 times on the third Thursday of each month from September to May. The class will choose what they study and what businesses and sites they will visit.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE:

Visit [www.ichamber.biz](http://www.ichamber.biz) and get more information or apply online - OR - please contact the Chamber office at (816) 252-4745.

SCAN THE CODE  
TO REGISTER



## JOIN US ON MAY 17, 2023 FOR THE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & L.E.A.D. GRADUATION



Celebrate the graduates of the L.E.A.D. 2022-23 program AND hear remarks from one of the L.E.A.D. Graduates and instructor.

**PLEASE KINDLY REGISTER ONLINE**

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# Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

## 1-4 Years - April-June 2023

RYAN'S, LLC  
Aleuro  
Biolife Plasma Services  
Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc.  
Lucas Commercial Flooring Group, Inc.  
European Furniture Center  
Adobe  
Market Advisory Group  
Dedicated Senior Medical Center  
Garcia Family Medicine  
Here on Earth LLC  
ING Events KC  
Paws & Pals  
Brent Schondelmeyer Consulting  
Adjuvant Physical Therapy LLC  
Oak Street Health  
Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center  
Saffirian Security  
Healing Frequency Massage  
GO Car Wash  
The Davies Group, Chartwell Realty  
Superior Electrical Construction  
The Trash Box  
St. Croix Hospice  
Mary Kay  
Morton Man HVAC and Plumbing  
Sunshine Art by Nancy  
Classy Canines  
Salvatore's Restaurant  
Julie Moreno  
Thomas R. and Eileen N. Weir  
Edward Jones, Matt Flax  
Treo Marketing  
Blue Ridge Bank- Independence Square  
Blue Ridge Bank- Sterling  
Blue Ridge Bank- Raytown  
Kansas City Property Solutions LLC  
Gerken Rent-All Inc.  
Landmark National Bank  
Pure Water Oasis  
Cook Ellis, LLC

## 5-14 Years - April-June 2023

Alicia Scott State Farm Agency  
Commercial Concepts & Furnishings  
State Farm Agent, Lesley Siegfried  
Under the Awning Boutique  
Carter Broadcast Group, Inc.  
FISH Window Cleaning  
Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders  
Laurie Dean Wiley, Financial Advisor - Hoot  
Owl Financial  
Centerpoint Physicians Group  
Family Care of Independence  
Midwest Neurology Physicians  
Family Care of Eastern Jackson County  
Jackson County Pulmonary Medical Group LLC  
John Kimak  
Nancy C. Kimak  
Bank Midwest  
Minsky's Pizza  
Job One  
Evans and Steele Financial Services  
Bass Pro Shops  
Hollis+Miller Architects  
Kansas City Managed IT  
GFI Digital  
R & K Auto Body LLC  
Alissa's Flowers, Fashion & Interiors  
A Little Bar-B-Q-Joint  
Jackson County  
JE Dunn Construction Co  
Planet Fitness- Noland Rd.  
Sound Check  
County Beverage Company Inc.  
Pepperwood Apartments - Office  
Monterey Park Rehabilitation & Health Care

Midwest Public Risk  
Town & Country Building Services  
Staybridge Suites  
Mid-Continent Public Library-South Independence Branch  
Mid-Continent Public Library- North Independence Branch  
Mid-Continent Public Library-Administrative Headquarters  
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center  
Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance

## 15-24 Years - April-June 2023

Reece & Nichols Realtors, Daniel O'Neill  
Eastland Trails Apartments  
Better Business Bureau  
American Funding Solutions LLC  
American Sweeping Inc.  
Burd & Fletcher Co.  
Opdahl & Bowen DDS, PC  
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Noland  
Fairmount Plaza Apartments  
Winterstone Golf Course  
Carrabba's Italian Grill  
Edward Jones, Corey Long  
State Farm Insurance, Kim Downey Noble

## 25-39 Years - April-June 2023

Kansas City Royals  
Widick Marketing  
McDonald's Restaurant - 3921 Bolger Road  
ServiceMark Telecom  
Corporate CopyPrint  
Custom Engineering Inc.  
Landmark Dodge Chrysler Jeep  
Edward Jones, Doug Hammer  
Metropolitan Community College - Blue River  
Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)  
Hi-Boy Drive-In  
McDonald's Restaurant - 16235 E. 24 Highway  
Burns & McDonnell  
Discover Vision Centers  
Community of Christ International Headquarters

**40-49 Years - April-June 2023**

Graceland University - Independence Campus  
Independence Adult & Community Education  
Humphrey, Farrington, & McClain, PC  
BRE Space Kansas City, Inc.  
Cable-Dahmer Chevrolet Inc  
The Examiner

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR  
ENGAGEMENT AND MOST OF  
ALL YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
THE INDEPENDENCE  
COMMUNITY!**

**WITH MEMBERS LIKE YOU,  
WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE  
IMPACT WITH MANY  
BUSINESS INITIATIVES.**

*Cheers  
for Success  
to all!*

**WELCOME**  
*New Chamber Members*

**January-March 2023**

**AtWork Personnel Services  
Centerwell Senior Primary Care  
Club Car Wash  
Comprehensive Mental Health Services  
Behavioral Crisis Center  
D Cheryl Bradley CPA LLC  
DonutNV Independence  
Dynamic Appliance Service LLC  
FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers  
Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
Pawportunities Animal Welfare Services  
REAL Moxie LLC  
Studio F.I.V.E.  
Vision Source Noland Rd  
Your Soldmate Ro of KW Key Partners, LLC**

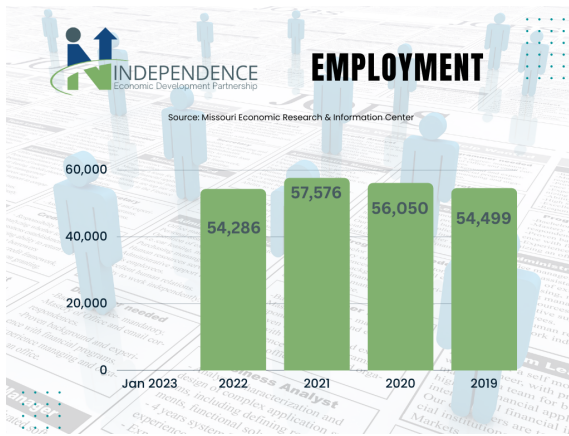
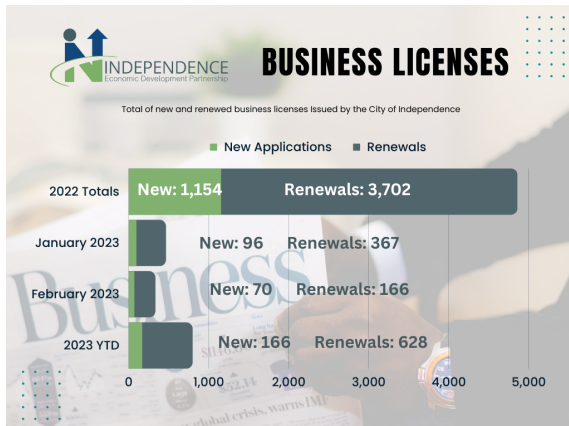
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**FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE BUSINESSES  
& ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS  
VISIT THE CHAMBER DIRECTORY  
[WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY](http://WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY)**

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FOR THE  
DIRECTORY**



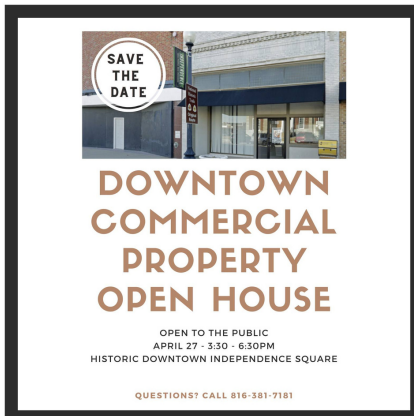
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## FEATURED REAL ESTATE



- Impeccably cared for class A property, with recently renovated office interior
- Offered well below half of replacement cost
- Surplus land for pad site development, or expansion
- Efficient floor plates & modern mechanical systems
- Abundant surface parking
- 95,527 Sq. Footage - \$109.92/Sq. Ft.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OPEN HOUSE**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
APRIL 27 - 3:30 - 6:30PM  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

QUESTIONS? CALL 816-381-7181

## DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OPEN HOUSE

Have you looked at a vacant building in our historic district and wondered what it looked like on the inside? Join us at Historic Independence Square Downtown Commercial Property Open House on April 27th from 3:30 - 6:30PM to check out the variety of buildings available for lease or sale. This FREE event is open to the public. A property owner or realtor will be available at several locations to offer information. Check back soon for the list of properties. This event will be updated as properties are committed.

**CONTACT JODI FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES**

**Jodi Krantz, Senior Vice President**  
Independence Economic Development Partnership (IEDP)  
Email: [jodi@ichamber.biz](mailto:jodi@ichamber.biz) Phone: 816-463-3512

## Officers:

**Matt Medley**  
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3 Trails Brewing Company

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Chair Elect  
Blue Ridge Bank

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Past Chair of the Board  
i360 Insurance, LLC

## Ex Officio Members:

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Harry S Truman Library

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**Dr. Robert Jerome**  
Blue Springs School District

**Dr. Thomas Meyer**  
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**Dr. Jason Snodgrass**  
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**Zach Walker**  
City of Independence

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## Impact Awards

Impact Awards are given to a business in recognition of the accomplishments created to positively impact the Independence economy, through capital investment and employment opportunities provided to residents.

*Congratulations!*



Club Carwash



Comprehensive Mental Health  
Behavioral Crisis Center

## Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“There are basically two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded.”

~ Mark Twain ~



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# ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



## COMING SOON! STAY TUNED!

