

The Chamber

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Quarterly Newsletter



Wynonna brings the Big Noise to Independence!

July/August/Sept 2019

Charter Members

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July Luncheon

Guest Speaker



Kathy Nelson

President & CEO
Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation

In July, we will hear from Kathy Nelson, President and CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation. Kathy will give an update of Kansas City being the location for the 2023 NFL Draft, as well as the economic impact that sports has on our region.

When:

Wednesday
June 17, 2019
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Where:

Hilton Garden Inn
19677 E Jackson Dr.
Independence, MO 64057

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FRIDAY
AUGUST 30th
9:30 PM
MAIN STAGE



See this talented musician perform live at
the SantaCaliGon Days Festival!

Wynonna has sold over 30-million albums
worldwide spanning her remarkable
34-year career. Find out more by
accessing our website:

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Visit SantaCaliGon.com for a complete entertainment schedule.

Calendar of Events

JULY 4



JULY 9

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

JULY 10

BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

JULY 12

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr.
18011 Bass Pro Drive

JULY 12

FOODIE FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Smokehouse BBQ
19000 E 39th Street

JULY 12

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Independence Uptown Market
211 W. Truman Road



Featuring:
Bob & Una Walkenhorst

Food & drinks will be available for purchase!

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JULY 17

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
19677 E Jackson Dr.

Be sure to join us for our monthly membership luncheon where we will hear from KC Sports Commission & Foundation President & CEO, Kathy Nelson.

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JULY 19

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Road

JULY 19

FOODIE FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Tim's Pizza
17201 E US Highway 40

JULY 25

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 PM - 9:00 AM
Prosource Wholesale
1150 SE Century Drive
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64081



Prosource Wholesale in Lee's Summit invites you to their showroom for breakfast! There will be an amazing assortment of home improvement products, members to network with, and most importantly, coffee and continental breakfast!

JULY 26

FOODIE FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Diamond Bowl
218 N Osage Street
Independence Square

AUGUST 5

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

AUGUST 7

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

AUGUST 9

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Independence Uptown Market
211 W. Truman Road



Featuring:
CADILLAC FLAMBE

Food & drinks will be available for purchase!

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AUGUST 13

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

AUGUST 14

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

AUGUST 16

EGGS & ISSUES STATE OF THE SCHOOLS
8:00 AM
Ennovation Center
201 N Forest Ave

AUGUST 21

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Arrowhead Stadium
1 Arrowhead Drive

Make plans to join us for the Monthly Membership Luncheon in July to hear from KC Chiefs Great and Ambassador Kendall Gammon.



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AUGUST 30-SEPT 2

SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL
NOON - 11:00 PM - FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM - SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM - SUNDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - MONDAY
CARNIVAL OPENS THURSDAY AT 5:00 PM
Independence Square



SEPTEMBER 10

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

SEPTEMBER 11

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

SEPTEMBER 17

SPEAKER SERIES
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road



TOPIC: "Making my money work for me!"

Brian Savoy with Bank Midwest will give us informative tips on banking for your business and how to make it work for you regardless of the industry or size of business.

SEPTEMBER 18

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Stoney Creek Hotel
18011 Bass Pro Drive

Be sure to join us to hear for our September Membership Luncheon!

SEPTEMBER 20

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Road

SEPTEMBER 26

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 PM - 9:00 AM
Rachel House Pregnancy Center
1150 SE Century Drive



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SEPTEMBER 27

CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WinterStone Golf Course
17101 E Kentucky Rd.



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!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorships available, please contact Trina Anderson if you are interested. Email: trina@ichamber.biz -or- Phone: (816) 356-6121

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Entertainment Headliners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th



Wynonna and the Big Noise
9:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st



Whitey Morgan & the 78's
9:30 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st



Almost KISS
9:30 PM

Ribbon Cuttings



April 4, 2019

**APEX
Aleworks
4356 S. Noland Rd.
Independence, MO 64055**



April 11, 2019

**Luckducks
10908 Winner Rd.
Independence, MO 64052**



April 30, 2019

**TCC
3901 Bolger Rd.
Independence, MO 64055**



MAY 7, 2019

**Cherries Ice Cream Bar
1003 E 23rd St S
Independence, MO 64055**



May 9, 2019

**RJ's Coffeeland
17000 E 40 Hwy #5
Independence, MO 64055**

Ribbon Cuttings



May 21, 2019

Blue Ridge Bank & Trust
201 W. Lexington
Independence, MO 64050



May 29th, 2019

Osborne Global Investments
210 SW Market St
Lee's Summit, MO 64063



June 13, 2019

KC Cajun
Independence, Missouri



June 20, 2019

iamXclusyve
109 E Lexington
Independence, MO 64050

To book a Ribbon Cutting, Business Before Hours or Business After Hours event, please contact Morgan Welch at (816) 252-4745 or Email: morgan@ichamber.biz.

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Dr. Dale Herl
Independence
School District



Dr. Jason Snodgrass
Ft. Osage
School District



Dr. Paul Kinder
Blue Springs
School District

As we prepare to start a new school year, we invite you to join us for a program featuring the Superintendents of the Blue Springs, Fort Osage and Independence School Districts as they update on us on what is happening within their respective districts.

Your admission includes a buffet breakfast.

Friday
August 16, 2019
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Ennovation Center

REGISTRATION IS EASY ON OUR
WEBSITE:
VISIT WWW.ICHAMBER.BIZ



LABOR DAY WEEKEND
HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

Sponsorship Opportunities

With attendance of more than 300,000 the SantaCaliGon Days Festival is a great way to showcase your products and services and gain brand recognition! Seasoned vendors report having their greatest success and highest sales at SCG. Your sponsorship supports this longstanding community tradition celebrating its' 47th year over Labor Day weekend, 2019! We are happy to offer fantastic entertainment this year on two stages!
For more information on participating, please contact Lois@ichamber.biz

**VOLUNTEERS
APPRECIATED!**

www.SantaCaliGon.com

LEAD INDEPENDENCE



Developed by the Independence Chamber of Commerce, L.E.A.D. Independence aims to provide a network of informed leaders with a commitment to the continued growth and development of our City. L.E.A.D. Independence provides a road map for successful community involvement through interaction with key community leaders and the issues that make Independence distinctive.

REGISTER TODAY!

The 2019-2020 LEAD class will meet 9 times on the third Thursday of each month from September to May. The class that make up LEAD 2019 will choose what they study and what businesses and sites they will visit.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE:

Visit www.ichamber.biz and get more information or apply online. Or, if you prefer the personal touch, please contact Trina Anderson at (816) 252-4745 or email her at Trina@ichamber.biz.

*The 2020
LEAD class is
forming!*

More than 600 community leaders have graduated from the LEAD Independence program.

Questions?

Contact Trina Anderson at (816) 252-4745 or email her at Trina@ichamber.biz.

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO HAVE JOINED OUR 110% CLUB



- 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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

WINTERSTONE GOLF COURSE
7:00 AM REGISTRATION &
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

A white golf ball is the central focus, featuring the Independence Chamber logo and event details. The logo includes a green building icon above the text "INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER" and the slogan "OUR BUSINESS IS BUSINESS". Below this, the text "39TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC" is printed in large, bold, black letters. The ball is set against a blurred background of a golf course with a golf club head visible in the foreground.

INDEPENDENCE
CHAMBER
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39TH ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC

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August Luncheon

Guest Speaker



Chiefs Ambassador
KENDAL GAMMON

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When:

Wednesday
August 21, 2019
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Where:

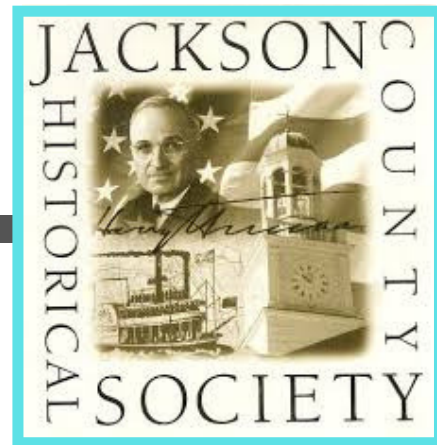
Arrowhead Stadium
1 Arrowhead Drive
Kansas City, MO 64129

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Shout out & congratulations to Three Trails Brewing Co. Their "Trail Dragger" beer took 2nd Place-Best of Show at the Denver International Beer Competition. They also won a silver and bronze in 2 other categories. Stop by and try their award winning beer!

www.trailsbrewing.com

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years

United States Postal Service
Cedarhurst of Blue Springs
BlendWell Community Cafe
Moreno's Lawn Service
SCOOB'S TINT & DENTS
Carpenter Law Firm
Ennovation Center
Cherries Ice Cream Bar
American Shaman Independence
Movement Mortgage
Call Mike, LLC
LegalShield
Farmers Insurance The Bryan Hunter Agency
Boost Mobile
Lion's Choice
Steven Bolt Insurance Services, LLC
First National Business Corporation (FNBC-Kansas City)

Sarah Cannon Cancer Center
Aventus Group
Partners in Primary Care
McCownGordon Construction
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Sylvan Learning Center Lee's Summit Missouri
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Sandler Training
Paychex

5-14 Years

Dwight Barnhard
Liberty Tax Service
City of Independence Tourism
Baird Realty Group
Arvest Bank
Rotary Club of Eastern Independence
Saint's Pub + Patio
Susan Appleberry Widick, DDS, PC
Beth Franklin Real Estate Team at Keller Williams

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity
Cosentino's Catering
Silverstein Eye Centers Arena
Independence Hydraulics Inc.
TNC Community
Central Bank of the Midwest
Drumm Farm Golf Club
Paradise Park
Adams Pointe Conference Center

15-24 Years

CPros Inc
Jackson County Audiology
Jackson County Electrical Services Inc
Swope Health Services
Kiwanis Club of Independence
McDonald's Restaurant - 18910 E US Highway 40
Lew Printing
Hilton Garden Inn Independence
The Big Biscuit
Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Eastern Jackson County
Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc
Edward Jones, Craig Bolger

25-39 Years

The Salvation Army
American Medical Response
AFS Insurance
Community Services League
Mugs Up Drive In
State Farm Insurance, Blake Roberson

40 Plus Years

Cardwell & Associates
HEMCO Corporation
Cable-Dahmer Buick GMC
Sladek Do it Best Hardware
Independence Economic Development Council



April - July 2019

Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop
Four Corners Framed Art- Independence
Watchdog Advisory
Square One Homes LLC
Robert Sauls, State Representative
CubeSmart
Miller Theatres
Edward Jones, Matt Flax
Treo Marketing
Mary Kay
Restoration House of Greater Kansas City
Blue Ridge Bank- Independence Square
Blue Ridge Bank- Raytown
Blue Ridge Bank- Sterling
IAMXCLUSYVE LTD
T-Moblie
Kansas City Property Solutions LLC
Secret Service House
The Pavilion Event Space
Gerken Rent-All Inc.
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
American National Insurance
Landmark National Bank
Vivlore
West iNd Connection 501(c)3
Yellowblue LED
Pure Water Oasis
Ghafoor Cook Ellis, LLC

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Central Bank of the Midwest

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Dr. Jason Snodgrass

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Dr. Paul Kinder

Blue Springs School District

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Free
SUMMER
CONCERT
SERIES

INDEPENDENCE UPTOWN MARKET
6:00 PM-10:00 PM

MAY 10 | Brad Cunningham Band

JUNE 21 | Three Infinity

JULY 12 | Bob & Una Walkenhorst

AUG 9 | Cadillac Flambé

Sponsored by: Independence Parks & Rec and Independence Chamber of Commerce

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Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

*The thing always happens
that you really believe in;
and the belief in a thing
makes it happen.*

~ Frank Lloyd Wright ~



Coming in September



SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

WINTERSTONE GOLF COURSE

SAVE THE DATE



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