

The Chamber

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Quarterly Newsletter



Dueling Pianos



See them at the Annual
Chamber Banquet in January

October/November/December 2021

Community Leader Members

The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful to our Community Leader 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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ASPHALTIC SURFACES
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LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Dueling Pianos



**Chamber's Annual
Banquet & Celebration
January 15, 2022
6-9 PM
Hilton Garden Inn**

**UNIQUE & FUN
EXPERIENCE!**



These high-octane talented musicians are sure to bring all sorts of outrageous fun and entertainment to our evening. The audience will become part of the show with sing-alongs, dance-alongs, and table-thumping excitement. Two piano players will battle to entertain the crowd and inject humorous skits that will involve and wow the audience.

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHAMBER BANQUET OR FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT MORGAN WELCH - MORGAN@ICHAMBER.BIZ

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 5

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

OCTOBER 6

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

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 8

RIBBON CUTTING
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Peterson Home Team
4706 S Shrank Dr

OCTOBER 12

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

OCTOBER 13

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

OCTOBER 13

MEGA CHAMBER B.A.S.H.
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr.
18011 Bass Pro Drive



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INDEPENDENCE
BLUE SPRINGS
GRANDVIEW
LEE'S SUMMIT
RAYTOWN
SOUTH KANSAS CITY

OCTOBER 14

RIBBON CUTTING
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
MyMedicareRates.com
208 W Lexington

OCTOBER 15

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce

OCTOBER 15

RIBBON CUTTING
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
THI Roofing & Guttering
3424 NW Duncan

OCTOBER 20

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

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Featured Speaker

CAROL ELASSAD, CEO
Webbe Consulting Group

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OCTOBER 21

LEGISLATIVE HEARING
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Chamber of Commerce

OCTOBER 28

PROGRESSIVE PARTY
4:00 PM-6:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce



Join the Independence Chamber and EDC for a frightfully fun progressive party networking event. This years theme is "Village of the Tiny Haunted Houses"! Each office will be decorated in a haunted house theme. Make sure to get registered to join in the FUN. If you are interested in having a room for this event contact Jodi Krantz jkrantz@inedc.biz or Trina Anderson trina@ichamber.biz

OCTOBER 30

73RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Historic Independence Square



The 73rd Annual Halloween Parade will be hosted again by the Independence Chamber of Commerce on October 30th, 2021! The parade consists of local businesses, organizations, and community leaders.

NOVEMBER 2

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom & In-Person at the Chamber

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
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NOVEMBER 9

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Chamber of Commerce
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NOVEMBER 10

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

NOVEMBER 11

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Campus Grounds
Coffee Shop
26911 E US Hwy 24
Buckner, MO 64016



NOVEMBER 16

YIP'S BEFORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Location: TBD



NOVEMBER 17

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
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8:00 AM
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DECEMBER 2

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DECEMBER 3

L.E.A.D. ALUMNI LUNCHEON
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Carrabba's Italian Grill



DECEMBER 7

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom & In-Person at the
Chamber

DECEMBER 8

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

DECEMBER 9

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
The Vaile Mansion
1500 N Liberty Street

We hope you can join us for our Holiday Business After Hours event at The Vaile Mansion!

Tour the Vaile Mansion
Food
Drinks
Networking

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DECEMBER 15

YIP'S HAPPY HOUR
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
3 Trails Brewing
111 N. Main Street



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

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



July 9, 2021

**Eclairs De La Lune
205 N Main Street
Independence, MO 64050**



**August 26, 2021
St. Croix Hospice
1524 E 23rd St S Ste 101
Independence MO 64055**



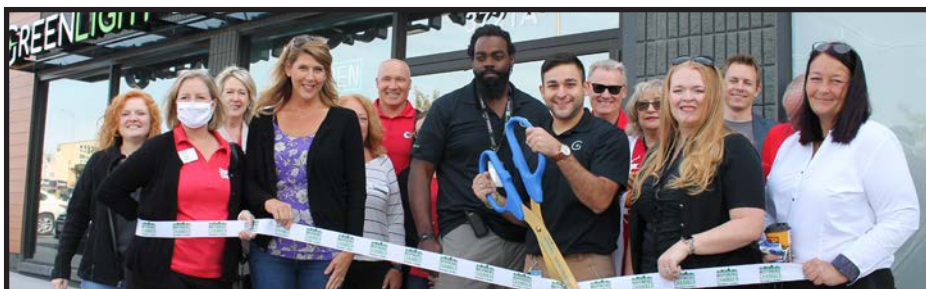
August 27, 2021

**Tivona Naturals
211 W Lexington Ave
Independence MO 64050**



September 23, 2021

**Resource Health Services
815 N. Noland Road
Independence MO 64050**



September 24, 2021

**GreenLight Dispensary
3721 S Noland Rd,
Independence, MO 64055**

LEAD Class 2021



September 16th, 2021

The L.E.A.D. Class began the year with a retreat and team building development at the Tucker Leadership Lab. The L.E.A.D. class were given team challenges and trust building exercises fostering team growth and personal development.


YOUNG
INDEPENDENCE PROFESSIONALS
networking
**BEFORE
HOURS**
&
**HAPPY
HOUR**



Come meet fellow young professionals from the area.

WHEN:

Tuesday
November 16, 2021
7:30 AM-8:30 AM

WHERE:

Location to be determined.

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WHEN:

Thursday
December 17, 2021
4:30 PM-6:00 PM

WHERE:

3 Trails Brewing
111 N Main Street



The iconic Labor Day Weekend tradition of the SantaCaliGon Days Festival returned this year with many food choices, cold drinks, live music, dancing performances, contests and popular amusement rides at the Midway, after pandemic restrictions cancelled the event last year. Crowds packed the streets and both the Main and Community Stages each night with performances from Sawyer Brown, Shooting Star and other local talent. Unfortunately, Little Texas' performance was cancelled on Friday night due to inclement weather. The new VIP seating area at the Main Stage was well received with guests enjoying the concerts center stage and up close to the performers. The arts & crafts vendors and the carnival both reported a successful year with record sales.

You won't want to miss next year's festival as the Independence Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 50 consecutive years of hosting the festival since 1973.





THANK YOU

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Crisp...

Bobby Terry and Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop
4201 S Noland Rd.
(816) 503-9669



Lynne Baker
Business to
Education Connector

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of visiting Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop, owned by Bobby Terry. Several barbers were getting ready for their day and were friendly and welcoming to me. The owner appeared in a couple of minutes, and I discovered a bit about his beginning in the Barber Business.

Bobby graduated from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas. He began his interest in barbering in order to “keep his siblings sharp” and then many of his neighbors came to see him, wanting their hair cut as well. In August 2009, Bobby established his first shop in Merriam, Kansas, quickly expanding to Shawnee-Mission, Kansas. Bobby then developed a relationship with the Small Business Administration, which allowed him to become officially a franchise owner. His next franchise location will be in the Crossroads District.

Bobby states his business has always operated as a business with integrity. He finds it very important to employ others who are on his “same wavelength” of possessing a positive attitude and join him in sharing his affirming team attitude. Bobby believes the service Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop provides is what sets his business apart. Bobby and his staff pride themselves on being a professional, urban shop with the ability to master all hair types. He and his staff serve a multicultural and diverse customer base.

Bobby has been married for sixteen years and he and his wife have three children. Their youngest, Moriah, has Downs Syndrome and Bobby will tell you that she is his motivation for all that he does. Bobby enjoys being a part of the Independence area and reports he has gotten “so much support” from the entire community. We are pleased to count Bobby Terry and Crisp Cuts and Styles Barbershop as a member of the Independence Chamber of Commerce!



HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

PRESENTED BY:



Thursday,
December 9th, 2021
5:30-7:00 PM



The Vaile Mansion
1500 N Liberty St

REGISTER TO ATTEND ON THE CHAMBER'S WEBSITE

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

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Carol El Assad
Webbe Consulting Group

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When: **Where:**

OCTOBER
Wednesday
20
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Stoney Creek Hotel
18011 Bass Pro Dr.
Independence, MO
64055

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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



SHARK TANK

Edition

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SHARKS:

- Bret Kolman - Centerpoint Medical Center
- Amy Hollen - Evans & Steele Financial
- Kim Deveney - American Funding Solutions
- Bob Glaser - CommunityAmerica Credit Union
- Alec Cook - Continental Siding
- Laurie Dean Wiley - Hoot Owl Financial

When: **Where:**

NOVEMBER
Wednesday
17
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn
19677 E Jackson Dr
Independence, MO
64057

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Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - October-December 2021

All City Tow
Doug Goodwin
Triad Inc.
Eneritech Energy Management Solutions
YCS Marketing
Eastland Face and Body
Local Investment Commission (LINC)
Affordable Home Foundation Inc.
City Credit Union
I Noah Guy Home Improvements
LandRock
St. Mark's United Methodist
A Robinson Trucking LLC
AA Quick Disposal
Auto Beauty Center
Big Bob's Flooring Outlet of Liberty
Big Bob's Flooring Outlet of Overland Park
Billy's Mobile Homies
Brett Capital Group LLC
Bryant Ferguson Group
CCR Roofing
Central Bank of the Midwest- Noland Rd
Commercial Doors
Community Access
Control Printing Group, Inc
Corso Upholstery LLC.
Delta Innovative Services/ DB2 Services
Design Mechanical
DLR Architect Group
DuPree Consulting & PR, LLC
Edward Jones, Andrea McMillin
Elite Services & Repairs, LLC
Embrace the Grape Beverage Catering
Englewood Arts
Fine Cut Concrete Drilling & Sawing LLC
First Bank
Focused Forensic Solutions, LLC
Good Roofing Company
Habitat For Humanity ReStore
Hirst Vox- Voice Productions
Horn Law Firm
Inception Plumbing LLC
JMH Pest Management LLC
Joshua DuPree at Missouri Farm Bureau
Joyce Shelton Hazelrigg
Kansas City Winnelson
KC Floorworx
KC Mechanical Services
KCAV
Kim McDaniels Co.
King's Small Engine

Lexington Plumbing & Heating Inc
LG Striping
Lippert Mechanical
LR Wiley
Lullaby of Hope
Lunar Bowl
M-Power Salon & Spa
Maintenance Contract Services
Martin Underground
Maywood Printing Company
Mobility First Inc.
North Point Boiler & Combustion
Novel Place Senior Living
Omega Door
On The Square Nutrition
Peterson Home Team
Phillips Paving
Pollard Orf and Associates
Precision Construction Companies
Preferred Asphalt & Concrete
Pro Graphics & Signs
Quicksilver
R&R Concrete Inc
Red Equipment LLC
Regents Flooring
Res-Q Services Heating and Cooling
Rhonda Dolan
Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes
Royal Lawn Service
Salvus TG
SBD Housing Solutions
Scooter's Door Service
Scott Davidson Ins Agency INC
SERC Physical Therapy at Independence Square
Site Worx Construction Inc
Spark Legal Solutions, LLLP
Spectrum Paint
SSI Furnishings
Starbucks Coffee Co.
Stella's Clean Vines, Clean-Crafted Wine (TM)
The Dugout Indoor Softball & Baseball Facility
The Insurance Groupe, Inc
The Law Office of Daniel S Hobart
Thrift World
Total Body Fitness
Tucker Appraisals
Win Win Property Solutions
Xact Tax Services LLC
Your Chamber Connection
Family Investment Center

Holy Rosary Credit Union
POAH Preservation of Affordable Housing
Hownd, Inc.
The Innovation Lab
Ignite Medical Resort
Asphaltic Surfaces
Rory Rowland
Country Financial/ Stephen J. Pirch Insurance Agency, Inc
KR Roofing & Consulting
Krete Construction
Metro Ford
Ochsner Hare + Hare the Olsson Studio
Monopoly Acquisitions, LLC
Square One Solutions
Olive Branch Accounting and Tax, LLC
City Theatre of Independence
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
Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
KC Baby Back Ribs
Frisk Brothers Moving
St. Michael the Archangel
A.G. Spanos Companies
Smoothie King
Kim Connects KC Home Team
Lip Sense by SeneGence with Angie Judy @
Pucker Up
MVP Awards and Engraving
Synago LLC
Target Marketing
Austin Conley Agency
Lotus Key Homes LLC
Hap Graff
KJ Remodeling LLC
Jim Carter Truck Parts
Speaks Chapels LLC- Buckner Chapel
Speaks Chapels LLC- Suburban Chapel
Independence Family Eye Care
Community Blood Center
Highway 7 Chiropractic
All Star Pictures
Kelly Freeland
Peggye Turner

Cheers for success!

Happy Anniversary continued...

5-14 Years - October-December 2021

i360 Insurance, LLC
Twin Peaks
University Health Community Care Fairmount
Kansas City Comets
Blair's Foster Socks
Medley Smiles
Allis Chalmers Industrial Park
The Arc of the Ozarks
Main Event Entertainment
Remax Elite, Realtors- T. David Rogers
Applied Path
Diamond Bowl
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
Hope House
UpDog
Mauer Law Firm
Heritage Physicians Group
Main Street Coffee House
State Farm Insurance, Chad Mitchell
Kansas City Mavericks Pro Hockey
Edward Jones, Adam Kliethermes
Edward Jones, Chris Thiele
Mother's Refuge
Studio on Main
AAA Disposal Service
Children's Mercy

15-24 Years - October-December 2021

BeHereNow
Cafe Verona
Clinton's Soda Fountain
Gilbert Whitney & Co
Ophelia's Restaurant & Inn
Square Pizza
Kansas City Public Library -Trails West Branch
BerganKDV
ISA
Rand Construction Co.

Hereford House Restaurant
Hilburn Trucking Inc.
Independence School District Foundation
State Farm Insurance, Stacey Schell
Newland
Auto Color & Equipment Inc.
McDaniel Furnace & Sheet Metal Inc.
Recognition Plus
Red Carpet Service
Silverstein Eye Centers PC
V's Italiano Ristorante

25-39 Years - October-December 2021

Gallagher Insurance & Risk Management
Independence Housing Authority
Midwest Machine Co. Inc.
Rotary Club of Independence
Smokehouse Barbecue
Balanced Body Chiropractic Center PC
Junior Service League of Independence
1st MidAmerica Credit Union
Cargo Largo
Columbia College
Greg's Tire Center
Independence Womens Clinic

The Fountains at Greenbriar
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

40-46 Years - October-December 2021

Comcast
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

WELCOME New Chamber Members

July-September 2021

MyMedicareRates.com Inc

Morgan Miller Plumbing

Legal Shield

Webbe Consulting Group

Eclairs de la Lune KC, LLC

Rink Ratz Inc.

Samantha Gabriel, Licensed Agent
with New York Life

Gaffney & Company, LLC

Allstate Insurance Company

Alyssa K Scholl Agency, LLC

Laura Lynne Real Estate

Musketeer Home Care

Town Home Improvements, LLC dba

THI Roofing & Gutters, LLC

Ain't Yo Momma Kitchen

Billie Preston

Dog Training Elite Kansas City South

Tivona Naturals

Gutter Helmet

Archwell Health

Greenlight Dispensary

Spitaleri Law Firm

Western Governors University

Medicare Simplified KC

THE M JOS Company

FOR MORE INFO
ABOUT THESE
BUSINESSES & ALL
CHAMBER MEMBERS
VISIT
WWW.CHAMBER.BIZ

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

VILLAGE OF THE TINY HAUNTED HOUSES

OCTOBER 28, 2021
4PM-6PM

INDEPENDENCE
CHAMBER

INDEPENDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER | 210 W. TRUMAN RD.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING? CONTACT JODI KRANTZ-JKRANTZ@INEDC.BIZ
OR TRINA ANDERSON-TRINAC@ICHAMBER.BIZ

73rd Annual HALLOWEEN PARADE October 30th 10:00AM

If you would like to participate or become a sponsor of the parade, please visit the website or contact Morgan Welch at Morgan@ichamber.biz

Officers:

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Chair of the Board
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LLC

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Chair Elect
i360 Insurance, LLC

Sonci Bleckinger
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Central Bank of the Midwest

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Harry S Truman Library

Dr. Dale Herl
Independence School District

Dr. Robert Jerome
Blue Springs School District

Dr. Thomas Meyer
MCC - Blue River

Dr. Jason Snodgrass
Fort Osage School District

Zach Walker
City of Independence

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Jim Allin
Fish Window Cleaning

Austin Conley
Austin Conley Agency

Alec Cook
Continental Siding

Doug Cowan
Community Services League

Ron Finke
Stewardship Capital

Bob Glaser
Community America Credit Union

Steve Graffeo
Community of Christ

Yvonne Hall
Blue Ridge Bank & Trust

Mary House
Cruise Planners

Bret Kolman
Centerpoint Medical Center

Cindy McClain
McClain Enterprises, Inc.

Matt Medley
Medley Smiles

Brad Smith
Drumm Farm Center for Children

Brad Speaks
Speaks Family Legacy Chapels

Terri Steele
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Save the Date Alumni Holiday Luncheon



Friday, December 3rd, 2021
11:30 AM-1:00 PM | Carrabba's Italian Grill



Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“Everyone has the potential to become an encourager. You don’t have to be rich. You don’t have to be a genius. You don’t have to have it all together. All you have to do is care about people and initiate.”

~ John C. Maxwell ~



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You are invited to join the team of 300 of your Chamber colleagues for the Eastern Jackson County Business Associates Social Hour
Help us kick-off this fun-filled sports themed event featuring networking, vendor showcases, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and much more.

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