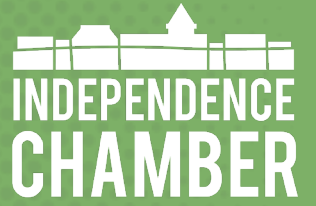


The Chamber

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Jan/Feb/Mar 2023



Welcome
2023

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.



Paving our way into the future



CENTERPOINT MEDICAL CENTER



A GREAT AMERICAN STORY





Matt Medley
3 Trails Brewing Co.

INCOMING BOARD CHAIR

From the Chair

As we start a new year, I wanted to take a moment to properly introduce myself and to let you know how honored I am to serve as the Chair of the Independence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors this year.

I grew up in Excelsior Springs and went to Metropolitan Community College. My 3 amazing kids and I reside in the Fort Osage area. I was in management for 14 years in the automotive manufacturing field. While in that role, I enjoyed working with different groups of people, with different visions and opinions to meet one common goal. That is why I decided to get more involved in my community. Five years ago, I started volunteering and joining organizations to improve my community. When I was looking to invest into the community, I looked no further than the heart of the community, the Independence Square. I purchased an exhausted building on the corner of Main and Maple with the plans to put in a Brewery. Over a period of 6 months, I was able to renovate and breathe new life into a building that needed a lot of work. This February, 3 Trails Brewing will be celebrating our 4-year anniversary.

I am committed to working alongside Chamber partners to continue the significant efforts in driving economic development for our community, by promoting business opportunities, job growth where more people will desire to live, work and play in our city. The Independence Chamber will continue to provide a variety of events, training opportunities and advocacy for businesses in 2023 and beyond. With record high inflation, ongoing supply chain and employee shortages, our community needs a strong ecosystem of business leaders and employers, now, more than ever. It is our goal to assist all members in their continued success and contributions to our community's quality of life.

Our Chamber is one of the strongest voices for the businesses and organizations in our area. It is important for us to band together as a business community, celebrate our achievements and accomplishments, and promote policies that will address the challenges we face today. We advocate for all businesses, both large and small, on vital issues such as local initiatives, and state legislation.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as Board Chair this year. I look forward to working with our Board, Chamber Members and the impressive Chamber Staff to make this a momentous year!

Matt Medley
Chamber Board Chair 2023
3 Trails Brewing Co.

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JANUARY 9

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

JANUARY 10

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

JANUARY 11

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

JANUARY 13

RIBBON CUTTING
10:00 AM-11:00 AM
Paws & Pals
3713 SW Hwy 40
Blue Springs, MO 64015

JANUARY 17

**EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBERS
BLOOD DRIVE**
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn - Santa Fe Room



In celebration of National Blood Donor Month, each Chamber of Commerce in Independence, Blue Springs, and Raytown has teamed up with the Community Blood Center in hosting the Inaugural Joint Chamber Challenge! This is a friendly competition where the Chamber with the most votes will be our winner and receive a trophy plaque in recognition.

Appointments are preferred.
Book your appointment online:
<https://bit.ly/3YfYIDq>
Medical eligibility questions?
Call 1-800-688-0900

JANUARY 18

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



Featured Speaker

Zach Walker
Independence City
Manager

Plan to attend the January Membership Breakfast to hear remarks from City Manager, Zach Walker as he presents the State of City Address.

JANUARY 20

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

JANUARY 24

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



The Small Business Breakfast Club is a monthly opportunity to enjoy a continental breakfast, brief educational and informative presentation and network with fellow Chamber members. Join us this month when our guest speaker will be Dixie Malick with Small Biz Social and she'll share her expertise on how small businesses can use social media as a tool to promote their business and enhance their digital profile.

This is an opportunity for members to learn more about the topic, ask questions, and get educated on a subject that is challenging for most businesses.

JANUARY 26

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring this event, please contact
Andréa Zorich
andrea@iChamber.biz or call
(816) 607-4911

FEBRUARY 1

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

FEBRUARY 3

FOODIE FRIDAY
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Ophelia's Restaurant & In
201 N Main Street

FEBRUARY 4

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conf. Center
18011 Bass Pro Dr



PRESENTING SPONSOR



Join us for an evening honoring
Chamber businesses and individuals
who stood out in 2022!

FEBRUARY 7

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

FEBRUARY 8

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

FEBRUARY 13

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

FEBRUARY 14

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

FEBRUARY 17

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

FEBRUARY 23

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Sponsorship available!



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FEBRUARY 28

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



Telling the story of your business can take many forms and one of the best ways is through podcasting. Chad Mitchell and Bobby Hawk will share the story of how they created the Epic Leader podcast and how you as a small business owner can develop your own podcast.

MARCH 3

FOODIE FRIDAY
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lion's Choice
4049 Little Blue Parkway

MARCH 7

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

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MARCH 24

FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION & AWARDS BREAKFAST
Location: TBD
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM



Join us in honoring the men and women that protect our city every day. Annually, the Independence Chamber recognizes and gives thanks to our local first responders for the significant and highly valued contributions they provide to the businesses and citizens in the City of Independence.

NOMINATE NOW

Scan the code below to nominate a first responder



MARCH 28

SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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This month, Andrew and Kelly Lightfoot with Matchstick Websites will discuss the importance of having a great web site and some of the do's and don'ts when it comes to the content on your website.

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



October 5, 2022

**Athletico Physical Therapy
4600 S Noland Rd
Independence, MO 64055**



October 14, 2022

**Nirvana Coffee
10707 E Winner Rd
Independence, MO 64052**



October 21, 2022

**Classy Canines
12500 E US 40 Hwy, Suite I
Independence, MO 64055**



October 28, 2022

**European Furniture Center
18809 E 39th St S
Independence, MO 64057**



November 4, 2022

**The Luxe Event Space
200 N Liberty Street
Independence MO 64050**

Ribbon Cuttings



November 15, 2022

Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club



December 1, 2022

**ShowMe Pension Group, Inc.
14701 E 42nd Street South
Independence, MO 64055**



December 14, 2022

**McBee's Coffee N Carwash
15912 E US Hwy 24
Independence, MO 64050**



December 16, 2022

**CrumbI Cookies
18921 E Valley View Pkwy Suite G
Independence, MO 64055**



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 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.



January 20, 2023 • 8:30 AM
February 17, 2023 • 8:30 AM
March 17, 2023 • 8:30 AM



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



Online via Zoom
Please register to receive
Zoom information

State of the City Membership Breakfast

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2023 | Legislative Agenda



Our Legislative Agenda is developed by the Public Policy Committee and communicates the Chamber's positions on issues at the state, local and federal levels of government. Working together with various legislative organizations helps promote public policy decisions that reflect the priorities of the Independence business economy. Below is our stance on our economy's pressing issues, as of January 2023.

EDUCATION	PRIORITY	MONITOR & SUPPORT	ONGOING SUPPORT
Continue to support full funding of Pre-K education and the A+ program through the foundation model.	X		
Support legislation increasing the bond capacity of public-school districts from 15% to 20%.			X
Support current law which limits charter schools to Kansas City and St. Louis school districts. All local tax funds should be under the control of a publicly elected local board.	X		
Support full funding of public education transportation funding.	X		

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Support an increase in MTC Funding.			X
Support reasonable tax credit programs for historic preservation, affordable housing, job creation, workforce development, youth services and education as necessary incentives for the community.		X	
Support balanced economic development in partnership with the City and local taxing entities through the Incentive Review Committee to ensure Independence can remain competitive in attracting jobs and capital investment .			X

INFRASTRUCTURE

Support access to state and federal funding for improvements to Missouri Highway 7 in Independence.	X		
Support funding from any federal infrastructure program to provide funding for bridges, roads, transit, commuter rail and pedestrian trail options in Eastern Jackson County.	X		
Support full funding for Amtrak River Runner allowing for two trains per day connecting Kansas City and St. Louis.	X		
Support renaming of the Kansas City airport in honor of President Harry S Truman	X		
Support the development of a new Justice Center	X		

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Expand the MOABLE Program through supporting the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.	X		
Renew the Hospital Reimbursement Allowance.		X	
Support continued funding of Medicaid Expansion as approved by Missouri's Voters in 2020.		X	
Support streamlining the process of health inspections between Jackson County, Kansas City, and Independence for food trucks		X	

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

Monitor the progress of the appointed Charter Review Commission		X	
Support legislation that would reinstate municipal courts ability to enforce and assess fines for violations of minor traffic offenses including the suspension of licenses for offenders who fail to pay court fines and/or appear in court and to place the limit of the fine amount to \$500.00.		X	
Support legislation that protects the cable franchise fee for municipalities.			X
Oppose election law changes that would alter election dates, filing deadlines, partisan municipal elections, and early voting/absentee voting	X		

UTILITIES

Support the Balance Energy Resolution.		X	
Continue positive dialogue between the municipal utility company and the community to achieve the best possible electric utility rates and services for commercial ratepayers including costs related to future electrical generation.	X		

Member Spotlight



Lynne Baker
Business to
Education Connector

Mother's Refuge, a non-profit organization for young pregnant women twelve to twenty-one years of age, was established in 1987 by a group of concerned citizens in the community that saw a need for soon-to-be mothers having a safe place to live and learn to care for their new babies.

Mothers-to-be are welcomed at any time during their pregnancy. A safe place is the essential ingredient for a new mother and her baby, because in many cases, the mom and baby have absolutely no place to settle following a positive pregnancy test or the birth of a child. Family and friends may simply be unable to take on the task of welcoming a new mother with her baby into their home. Circumstances vary, and there may be simply no space or money to meet the needs of two additions to a household, that may be already struggling. Other young moms are chronically homeless with no family and are literally living on the streets prior to finding the safe haven of Mother's Refuge.

Alec Cook, the owner of Continental Siding, became aware of the "vision" of Mother's Refuge. He met with Angel McDonald, Executive Director and Kelsi Green, Assistant Executive Director. Seeing the importance of the vision of Mother's Refuge which is "to restore hope and empower young mothers", Alec became a strong stakeholder and supporter of this organization.

House parents provide 24/7 supervision and support of the young women living in the home. The Mother's Refuge home has space for nine mothers and five babies. The organization also has a transitional living program (TLP) with shelter for up to twenty-four moms and babies. In addition, Mother's Refuge recently purchased the Higher Ground Boutique Hotel in Independence. After renovation this new property will contain fifteen apartments for moms and their babies, as well as their administrative offices. This will double the number of families they are able to serve.



The focus of Mother's Refuge is to shelter and educate homeless, pregnant and parenting young women by providing comprehensive services that empower them to make successful life decisions for themselves and their babies. Services provided are shelter, food, transportation, access to medical care, education and life-skills classes, as well as an aftercare program to continue serving and uplifting the young women who have lived in their home and TLP programs.

Some facts regarding Mother's Refuge: providing a loving home for more than 2,000 young women and their babies, since 1987; a Maternity Home licensed by the state of Missouri; and the babies living at Mother's Refuge use more than 12,000 diapers per year.

How might you help Mother's Refuge continue to provide these much-needed services to young woman and their babies? Volunteering at the many available tasks, as well, as providing physical donations (such as household cleaning supplies) or becoming a financial donor for this outstanding organization, which supports some of the most vulnerable populations of our society...Mamas' and Babies!

To learn more about Mother's Refuge and how you might serve. Please contact Kelsi Green, Assistant Executive Director at 816-353-8070.



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AWARDS NIGHT



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 4th

STONE CREEK HOTEL & CONF. CTR

RECEPTION - 6:00PM
DINNER - 7:00PM

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or to reserve a
table:



The Events

DINNER
AWARD CEREMONY
EMCEE & TELEVISION HOST
JEFF HOUGHTON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
REX HUDLER

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - January-March 2023

NorthPoint Development
Dc's Contracting LLC
MIVA MEDICAL
Visiting Nurse Association
MetroMedia
Apex Business Advisors
SproutHouse Supply LLC
Midwest GI Health
Taste of Aloha
G&G Property Care
Andy's Frozen Custard
City Wide Facility Solutions
SUMNERONE
Control Service Company, Inc.
Premiere Outdoor Enterprises, Inc.
PrimeLending
Union Home Mortgage
PennTech, Inc.
Stone Amp SEO
Element Enterprises, LLC
Aflac
Totta LLC
Complete Lawn Professionals
Swanson Bernard, LLC
Chicago Title
Dayco Painting
Form Systems
Carpenter Vending Service
VIP Maintenance USA
Davlin Services
Unlimited RV
Fastsigns
Berenson LLP
Tracker Door
Ditty's LLC
Arrowhead Electric
VFW Post 1000
Que Tal Pollo Grill and Cantina
Black Lemon Boutique
Healthy Brands
Team Jesus
Alscott Surety Inc

Pro Roofers, LLC
Atlas Home Group
Daikin TMI
Lan Tel Communications Services, Inc
Kyle Given Agency Country Financial
AGI Investigations
PACT
Naomi Lawson- 1st Class Real Estate KC
Mudjack Joe's
RC Tree Service
Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club
Grace Christian Assembly
Timely Signings
Hiestand Land Management
RE/MAX Heritage- Sara Davis
VG Designs
Apex Underground LLC
LC's Trading LLC
JV Garage Door, LLC
Four Birds Apparel
Planet Sub
Carmen's Cantina and Mexican Grill
Engle Motors, Incorporated
UMKC TalentLink
Watchdog Advisory
Happy Trails Esthetics
Animator Co-working Office Space
Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers
Bridget McCandless
Whataburger
Azure Apartments
Wise Choices Financial LLC
Interior Landscapes
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- 40 Hwy HyVee
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Hidden Valley
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Blue Springs Outer Rd.
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Blue Springs HyVee
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Todd George
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Rice Road
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Raytown HyVee
Flying Horse Flatbreads

Northwestern Mutual- Jared Wirsig
One Way Cleaning Co
Tropicana Paeteria
Bank of Springfield
Capital One N.A.
Olathe Fleet Solutions
Great Western Expeditions
Bukaty Companies
Float Daddy
Turkey Creek Properties
Diaz Painting Company LLC
Certified Carpet Systems
Blue Mango Boutique
Smoothie King- Noland Rd.
Terry Snelling Construction
Builders Financial Service LLC
Heartland Capital Advisors, LC
MarksNelson
Freedom Painting
Gears Unlimited LLC
OKM Professionals
Heartland Cremation and Burial Society
Uni Floor Inc
Pierpoint Plumbing
Time Wise Media
Kings Trucking LLC
By George PR
CThrough Window Cleaning
RNS Private Duty Care
Santa Fe Tow
Gomez Roofing LLC
Doin It Major
Agape Touch Massage Therapy
Midwest REI
Jr & Brothers Hauling LLC
Quick Mobile Repair
Garage Pros KC
American Fusion Wheel & Tire
Harris Rebar
KC Wireless Inc
Steve William Asphalt
Queen City Baseball Association

Tom Neill Trucking
Independence Police Department
Foundation
Expert Flooring Solutions
Oak Ridge Memory Gardens
Restoration 1 of Kansas City
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.
Nabholz Corporation
Steven Sabol Insurance
Albonee Country Inn and Vineyards LLC
Fannie Franks Coffee Cakes
Marr and Company, P.C.
Baker Bros. Contractors, Inc.
Novus Power Products LLC
Noland Road Community Improvement District
Fattyhead Keto Dough
Phoenix Nail Lounge
Philip Snodgrass State Farm Agency
Budget Blinds of Concordia/Blue Springs
Black Bear Diner
Hathhorn CPA LC
WIL-PAV, INC
Associated Audiologists
Lakewood Oaks Country Club
BBBSKC
Big Bob's Flooring Outlet of Kansas City Inc
Harbor Hospice
Planet Fitness- 291 Hwy
Game Cafe LLC
3 Trails Brewing Co.
Zarda Bar-B-Q and Catering Co.
Jackson County Historical Society
Heritage Companies
ELOAH Creativity Center
Good Shepherd Hospice
H&R Block-Independence Square
Children's Mercy
Studio on Main

5-14 Years - January-March 2023

Flying Colors Painting
Sarpinos Pizzeria
Paramount Health Chiropractic
Collins Roofing
Resource Health Services
Brent Lilly Agency
Bingham-Waggoner Estate
National Frontier Trails Museum
Chicago and Alton 1879 Depot
Adventure Oasis Water Park
Hartsook
LDS Independence Missouri Visitors' Center
Nancy K Eppert
McAlister's Deli
GM Peters Agency, Inc
Duluth Trading Company
Sunshine Sports Apparel, LLC

The Trevor Tilton Farmers Agency
Matchstick Websites
Zucca & Daughters & Sons Roofing Co., Inc
Truckmovers.com
Carhartt Independence Center
Victorian Society of the Vaile Mansion and Dewitt Museum
Continental Siding
Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More
Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care
Sibley Orchards and Cider Mill
Revive Church
GOAD COMPANY
Palmer Place Leasing Office
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
McClain Brothers Real Estate
Villages of Jackson Creek

University of Central Missouri
Foster Adopt Connect
Wyatt Violin Shop LLC
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City
Village Heights Community of Christ
The Gardens at Jackson Creek
Kansas City Zoo
Family Wrench LLC
Drury Inn & Suites Independence
Sterling Plaza Apartments
Jackson County Health Department
University Health Independence
Vance & Associates, Inc.
Office Products Alliance

Cheers for Success to all!

15-24 Years - Jan-Mar 2023

Sonic Drive In - 4001 S Jackson Drive #5482
Cruise Planners
Edward Jones, Jon Klassen
Jim Blau Insurance Agency Inc.
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 40 Hwy
DeLuccie and O'Hara Law Offices LLC
Summit Computer Solutions
Swope Health Independence
Developing Potential, Inc.
Nativity of Mary School
NorthWest Communities Development Corporation/ Fairmount Community Center NWDC
Residence Inn by Marriott
Consultants in Gastroenterology

25-39 Years - Jan-Mar 2023

City of Sugar Creek
Specialty Landscape Services LLC
Stewardship Capital, Ltd.
Blue Springs School District
CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services of K.C.
Truman Heartland Community Foundation
Drumm Farm Center for Children
Kapke & Willerth LLC
United Consumers Credit Union
Hawthorn Bank- 39th St
Hawthorn Bank- White Oak
K Martin Kuny Attorney
Super 8 Independence
Tim's Pizza
University Health Lakewood Medical Center
Spire Inc.

40-49 Years - Jan-Mar 2023

Unilever
Independence Center
Republic Services of Kansas City
AT&T
Jeannie Colvin CPA PC
Comprehensive Mental Health Services
Independence School District
Commerce Bank- Noland Rd
Stewart Cook Constance & Minton LLC
UMB Bank- Gudgell
Independence Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
Pharaoh Cinema 4 Theater
Centerpoint Medical Center
Speaks Chapels LLC

50 Years Plus - Jan-Mar 2023

Carpenter and Company, Inc.

WE ARE SO 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.

WELCOME

New Chamber Members

October-December 2022

ShowMe Pension Group, Inc.
Heartland Auto Glass
Dakota Worrell
Small Biz Social
Songow Consulting, LLC
Express Employment Professionals
Exploring Minds Academy
GOCHEW Burger & Sandwich
CakeRef Custom Bakery
GLMV Architecture
Bossladys Famous Shrimp
McBee's Coffee N Carwash
Tirey J Ford Post #21 of the American Legion
Dental Depot
Curis Functional Health of Independence

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE BUSINESSES
& ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS
VISIT THE CHAMBER DIRECTORY
WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY

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DIRECTORY



Independence Chamber of Commerce 2023 Membership Directory & Resource Guide

We are excited to be working with MetroMedia again this year on our 2023 Membership Directory and Resource Guide.

We will have a magazine-style publication filled with large color photos, amazing feature stories, profiles and more, and adding even more of all those great elements.

We would love for you to join us with a display ad at very reasonable rates.

You get great value exposure, full color presentation, free ad design, and you get to support your Chamber while benefiting from the Chamber brand.

In addition to the print version, a searchable, interactive, mobile-friendly digital version will be published on our website, sent by email, and shared via social media, thus greatly expanding the reach and accessibility of the guide.

Don't delay securing your advertising position in the 2023 Directory! Placements are first come, first serve. Contact Chamber member Tammie Eason to secure your space reservation. It is important you contact her early to get the placement you desire in the publication.

Call **Tammie** directly on her cell phone at **417-629-7935** or email her at **teasson@metromediapublishers.com**.

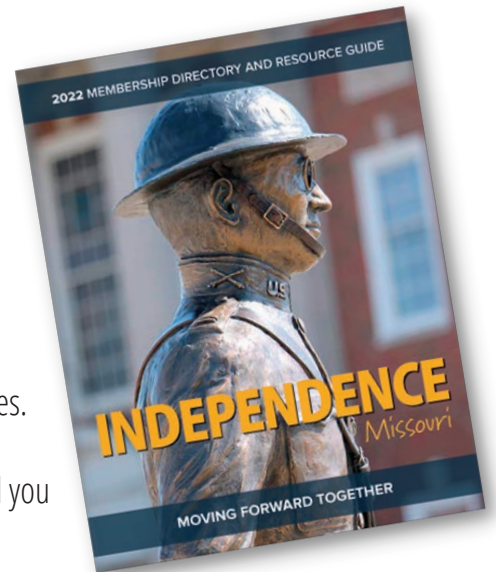
Thank you for supporting the Chamber as we continue to promote our area as a top notch place to live, work, shop and play.

Sincerely,



Mikealene Evans

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I am really excited about being on board with the Independence Chamber. We are working diligently to set up the new Independence Economic Development Partnership (IEDP) and will be working on a strategic plan in the next few weeks. We want to see what is working and what we can do better. If you would like to get involved with the IEDP and formulating our new plan, please contact me for more information.

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Quote of the Quarter

“Choose to focus your time, energy and conversation around people who inspire you, support you and help you to grow you into your happiest, strongest, wisest self.”

~ Karen Salmansohn ~



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