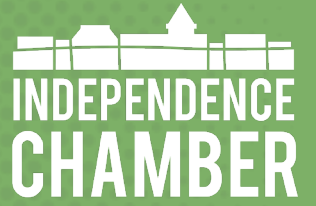


The Chamber

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
Jan/Feb/Mar 2024



Welcome



2024



Regional & Community Leaders



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.

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From the Chair

I don't remember a time when I wasn't involved in a Chamber or some non-profit in the communities I have lived. I grew up in a small town in Northern Minnesota where helping your neighbor and community is just what you did. It was our way of life. The belief was when your community thrived you thrived. That is at the heart of soul of my employer, **Blue Ridge Bank and Trust**, and is at the heart and soul of your Chamber, the Independence Chamber of Commerce, and is why I have proudly represented both for many years. It is a great honor to step into the Chair of the Board role of the Independence Chamber in 2024.

The upcoming year will be an important year for all in Independence. With the possibility of a general obligation bond election on the horizon for the City, the Chamber hopes to help facilitate productive, informative conversations between businesses and residents to ensure all voices are heard. Robust dialog I'm sure will be plenty and hopefully we end each conversation with one goal...respect of others and their opinions.

The Independence Chamber is committed to being a strong voice for you on local and regional issues. Our goal is to always provide relevant, current information as well as be a partner to help you do what you do best – run your business. Your Chamber staff is dedicated, knowledgeable and excited to coordinate opportunities to connect, learn and build your village.

To our current members, thank you for your support and commitment. To prospective members, we invite you to visit with us and learn about the resources of the Chamber.

It's an exciting time in Independence. Come be a part of it!

Yvonne Hall
Chamber Board Chair 2024
Blue Ridge Bank & Trust

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Yvonne Hall
Blue Ridge Bank & Trust

INCOMING
BOARD
CHAIR

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 17

RIBBON CUTTING & MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
10:50 AM - 1:30 PM
EastGate Commerce Center



Featured Speaker

Zach Walker
Independence City
Manager

PRESENTED BY



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JANUARY 19

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE
BRIEFING**

JANUARY 23

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



Featured Speaker

Steven McBee
Owner
McBee's Coffee N'
Carwash

Join us this month when our guest speaker will be Steven McBee with McBee's Coffee N' Carwash as he will navigate us through the chaos of starting a business. Steven will discuss how structure = success and chaos = catastrophe, and how a better business system helps retain customers, keep team members happy and wanting to stay within the organization, and how the value of business isn't necessarily what it's final output/product is. 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 23

INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM
6:00 PM - District 1
6:30 PM - District 3
Chamber of Commerce &
Live Streamed on the Chamber's Facebook or YouTube Channel

CANDIDATE FORUM

Meet the candidates
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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1 & 3
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
6:00 PM - District 1 Candidates
6:30 PM - District 3 Candidates

Join us for an in-person candidate forum for Independence City Council primary candidates in the 1st and 3rd prior to the February 6th election. The forum will be moderated by Jeff Fox of the Examiner. The forum is open to the public. This forum will be live streamed on the Chamber Facebook and Chamber YouTube channels.

JANUARY 24

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce

JANUARY 24

RIBBON CUTTING
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
The Big Biscuit
16506 East US Highway 40



FEBRUARY 1

TASTY THURSDAY
Networking from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Summit Pizza
3010 South M291



FEBRUARY 3

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
19677 E Jackson Drive



Experience the Chamber Banquet like never before. Join us for Chamber Night Live where laughter, music, and camaraderie collide. Jeff Houghton takes the stage as our host for an unforgettable night honoring Chamber businesses and individuals who stood out in 2023!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 6

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

FEBRUARY 7

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

FEBRUARY 7

DEI LEARNING SERIES
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce

During this Learning Series we will discuss skills and good practices for embracing definitions and background knowledge on how to practice DEI best in your business.

FEBRUARY 9

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

FEBRUARY 12

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

FEBRUARY 13

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

FEBRUARY 14

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

FEBRUARY 16

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

FEBRUARY 22

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Main Event
600 S Cochise Court



Please join us for a Before Hours Event at Main Event! This is a great opportunity to network and see a new space! Light refreshments will be served.

Please take a moment to register so we can plan accordingly.

FEBRUARY 27

EJC CHAMBERS DAY AT THE CAPITOL
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Jefferson City, Missouri

Join the Independence Chamber and other regional Chambers for our legislative advocacy day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. During the day, we will hear from various state departments, the legislative staff from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce as well as House and Senate leaders.

FEBRUARY 27

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



TOPIC:
Effective Networking
PRESENTER:
Kelsie Toole with Chicago Title

MARCH 5

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

MARCH 5

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
BIZ, BITES & BANTER
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Calling all Young Professionals! Join us for our first-ever Biz, Bites & Banter event. Are you a Young professional between the ages of 18 and 39? This is the perfect lunchtime group for you! We will meet every other month for Professional Development and Networking. We will serve lunch at these meetings so don't worry about losing your lunch hour.

Please register to attend, so we may plan accordingly!

MARCH 7

TASTY THURSDAY
Networking from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Location: TBA



MARCH 11

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

MARCH 12

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
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MARCH 13

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

MARCH 15

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

MARCH 18

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

MARCH 19

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



TOPIC:
Google Business
PRESENTER:
Bobby Kerry - Google Business Expert

MARCH 19

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CANDIDATE FORUM
6:00 PM - District 1, 2, 3, and 4

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Facebook Page or YouTube Channel

MARCH 22

FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION &
AWARDS BREAKFAST
Hilton Garden Inn
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

PRESENTED BY



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.

MARCH 26

SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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PLEASE NOTE:
Event dates and details are subject to change without notice. Please check the Chamber calendar for the most current event details.

Jan/Feb/Mar 2024

Ribbon Cuttings



October 20, 2023

Chick-in Waffle
18921 E Valley View Parkway
Suite D
Independence, MO 64055



October 27, 2023

Cargo Largo
3232 S Noland Road
Independence, MO 64055



November 9, 2023

Novus Power Products
21101 East State Route 78
Independence, MO 64057



November 13, 2023

CareNow Urgent Care
Independence West
4179 Sterling Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64133



We would be delighted to help your business celebrate 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

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8:30 AM • January 19, 2024
8:30 AM • February 16, 2024
8:30 AM • March 15, 2024



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



Online via Zoom
Please register to receive
Zoom information

Membership Luncheon - State of the City



Featured Speaker
Zach Walker
Independence City Manager



Eastgate Commerce Center
Building A2
2500 Little Blue Parkway
Independence, MO 64057

Ribbon Cutting - 10:50 AM
Luncheon - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Space Tours - 1:00PM-1:30PM

PRESENTED BY



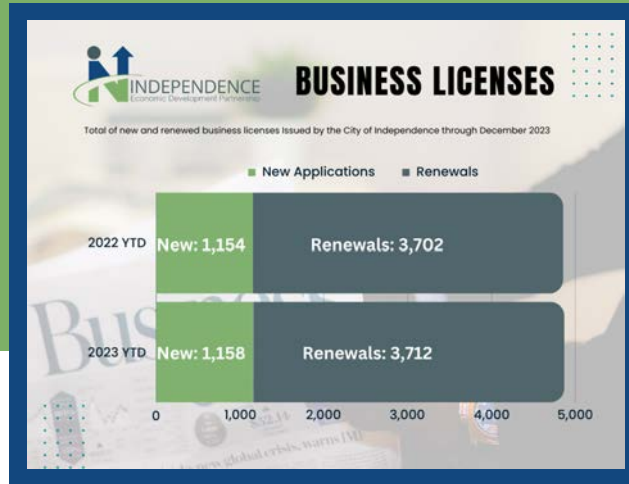
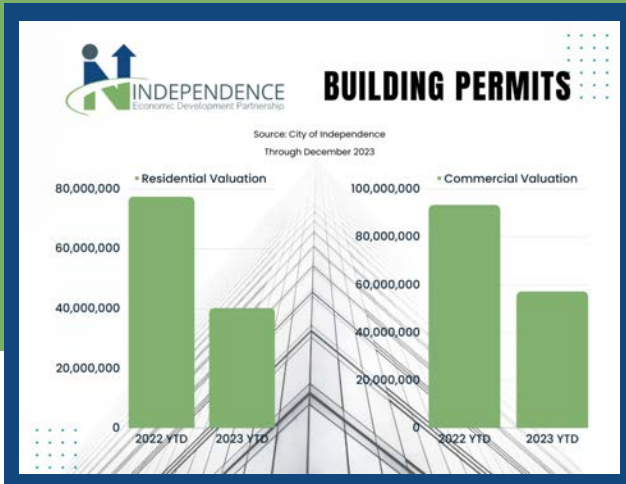
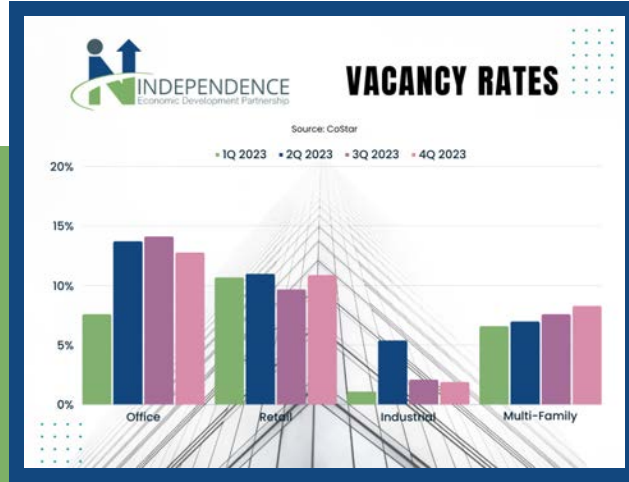
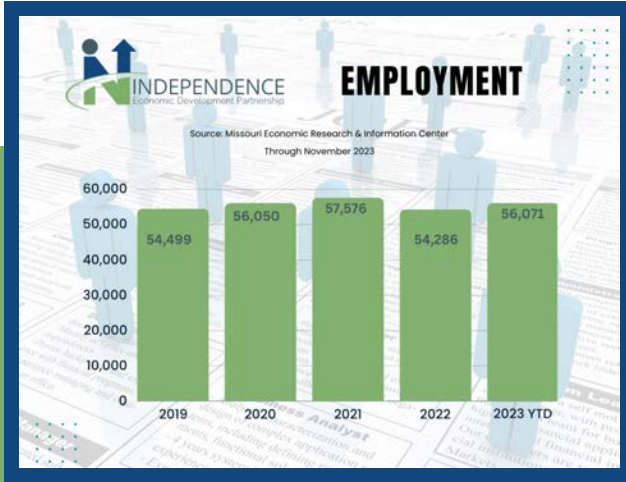
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2024 Legislative Agenda



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 2024.

	PRIORITY	MONITOR & SUPPORT	ONGOING SUPPORT
EDUCATION			
Continue to support full funding of Pre-K education and the A+ program through the foundation model.		★	
Support legislation increasing the bond capacity of public-school districts from 15% to 20%.			★
Support full funding of public education transportation funding.	★		
ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT			
Monitor discussion regarding relocation of Kauffman stadium and extension of 3/8th cent sales tax to support new stadium and improvements to the Truman Sports complex.		★	
Support an increase in funding for Missouri Technology Corporation.		★	
Support reasonable tax credit programs for historic preservation, affordable housing, job creation, workforce development, youth services, and education as necessary incentives for the community.		★	
Oppose any changes to economic development tools such as Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) that would hamper development and redevelopment.		★	
Support balanced economic development in partnership with the City and local taxing entities to ensure Independence can remain competitive in attracting jobs and capital investment.		★	
INFRASTRUCTURE			
Support access to state and federal funding for improvements to Missouri Highway 7 in Independence.			★
Support funding from any state and federal infrastructure program to provide funding for bridges, roads, transit, commuter rail, and pedestrian trail options in Eastern Jackson County.	★		
Support the City of Independence putting a general obligation bond issue on the April 2025 ballot.	★		
Support honoring President Harry S. Truman at the Kansas City International Airport.		★	
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES			
Expand the MOABLE Program through supporting the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.	★		
Support of state funding for the creation and continued operation of a drop-in center in Eastern Jackson County to provide critical services for individuals experiencing homelessness.	★		
Support for increased funding for mental health services in Independence and Eastern Jackson County.	★		
GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS			
Monitor and review final recommended changes to the Independence Charter.		★	
Support legislation that would reinstate municipal court's 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.		★	
Oppose election law changes that would alter election dates, filing deadlines, partisan municipal elections, and early voting/absentee voting.	★		
Support the streamlining process of health inspections between Jackson County, Kansas City, and the City of Independence.	★		
Support "Blair's Law" legislation that would increase the penalties for reckless discharge of a firearm.		★	
Support "Clean Slate Missouri" which would automatically seal or expunge the criminal records for certain non-violent offenses.		★	
Opposition to legislation that takes local control away from municipalities in regard to right-of-way management and pole attachments.		★	
Opposition to any reductions, caps, or altering of the local sales tax rate.		★	
UTILITIES			
Monitor discussion on the future of Independence Power & Light.		★	



INPACT AWARDS



Chick-in Waffle



Cargo Largo



Novus Power Products



CareNow Urgent Care

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES CONTACT

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 Independence Economic Development Partnership
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Member Spotlight



Lynne Baker
Business to
Education Connector

Transformation from Local Kid to Chamber Hero

It doesn't take long to discover in a conversation with Kenny Soule, his business desire is about "taking care of the little guys". I enjoyed a fabulous conversation with Kenny, who holds a strong business presence in our city, but is also a great contributor to the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

Sonci Bleckinger is the lady to which we owe our gratitude for introducing Kenny to the Chamber. Although, Kenny points out, they were schoolmates at Mill Creek Elementary School, in the Independence School District.

Kenny graduated from St. Mary's High School, he participated in football and baseball, but wrestling was his love. He was a talented wrestler which earned him a scholarship to SMSU (now MO State University, Springfield, MO). The SMSU wrestling program, was discontinued, before Kenny had completed college, thus returning to his hometown and working for his dad, Herb Soule, a general contractor.

Physical labor wasn't new to Kenny, as from the age of eight, he carried shingles at construction sites for his dad and granddad. Kenny had learned many important skills associated with the construction business over the years. His brother, Joe (now deceased) and Kenny started working construction together with KJ Remodeling in 1998. Krete Construction was started in 2009.



However, those two businesses have not defined the career life of Kenny Soule. He was a carpenter's apprentice from 2002 to 2007 where he obtained a Journeyman's certificate. In 2010, he attended the MCC Blue River Fire serving the public as a fireman in Sugar Creek for seven years, when he was medically retired from a shoulder injury experienced in a fire.

Overtime, Kenny has brought others into business with him. A friend from childhood, Danny Gervy, who operates the concrete crews. Jake Robbins has partnered with Kenny in the creation of Asphaltic Surfaces, which will be entering their sixth year of business in 2024.

At the invitation of his friend, Sonci, Kenny came to his first Chamber meeting, as the man he is...construction shirt, jeans and work boots, which was different than usual Chamber attire. However, we are the benefactors of Kenny's coming to the meetings and then at a December luncheon, Kenny and his sister, Katie (who is an important associate in Kenny's businesses) felt the Spirit of Christmas in the choir performing that day, and saw the Chamber from that point on as a part of his "family of partners"!



Kenny was particularly helpful to the SantaCaliGon volunteers when he brought his construction crews to clean up all the chairs, tables and other accumulated materials from the Main Stage. Instead of taking most of a day of heavy physical labor for a few SCG volunteers, Kenny and his crew managed to clear all the area in a matter of hours. You can also find Kenny working with Jonathan Zerr at the Main Stage Beer Garden.

Kenny shares the credit for any success he has with his family: Wife, Jana, to whom he has been married 26 years and his two daughters, Marissa and Samantha. He is also devoted to his "family and friends", who have joined with him to create his businesses. Kenny has the internal desire to conduct his business with integrity and to follow the tenets of his faith in doing the right thing for others. His personal goals are to be a good person, as well as demonstrate his Christian tenets in all that he does. He feels strongly that those who are a part of his businesses, should have the same opportunities as he has enjoyed.

On a personal note, anyone who has any interaction with me for long, knows I am passionate about the City of Independence. I came to Independence over fifty years ago, as a teacher. Palmer Junior High School is the place I fell in love with this community and the families and students I met here. Those same wonderful individuals and students, are now some of the leaders of Independence. The youth are a tremendous asset to any community...like Kenny Soule! How blessed this community and this Chamber have been by having so many wonderful caring individuals, who spend much of their time making our city a finer place to live, work and play!



Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - January-March 2024

3 Trails Brewing Co.
AGI Investigations
Albonée Country Inn and Vineyards LLC
Alscott Surety Inc
Andy's Frozen Custard
Animator Co-working Office Space
Anita's Home Team, REMAX Premier Properties
Apex Business Advisors
Arrowhead Electric
AtWork Personnel Services
Azure Apartments
Baker Bros. Contractors, Inc.
BBBSKC
Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club
Black Bear Diner
Bridget McCandless
Budget Blinds of Concordia/Blue Springs
Builders Financial Service LLC
By George PR
CEI
Centerwell Senior Primary Care
Chicago Title
City Wide Facility Solutions
Club Car Wash
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- 40 Hwy HyVee
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Blue Springs Outer Rd.
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Blue Springs South
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Hidden Valley
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Raytown HyVee
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Rice Road
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Todd George
Complete Lawn Professionals
Comprehensive Mental Health Services Behavioral Crisis Center
D Cheryl Bradley CPA LLC
DJHP Broadcasting

DonutNV Independence
Dynamic Appliance Service LLC
ELOAH Creativity Center
Engle Motors, Incorporated
Expert Flooring Solutions
Fastsigns
Flying Horse Flatbreads
FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers
G&G Property Care
Game Cafe LLC
Gears Unlimited LLC
Gilmore & Bell, PC
Gomez Roofing LLC
Good Shepherd Hospice
Harbor Hospice
Hathhorn CPA LC
Heartland Capital Advisors, LC
Heritage Companies
Independence Community Teacher Association, an independent affiliate of MSTA
Independence Police Department Foundation
Interior Landscapes
Jackson County Historical Society
Kings Trucking LLC
Lakewood Oaks Country Club
Marr and Company, P.C.
MetroMedia
Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce
Midwest GI Health
MIVA MEDICAL
Noland Road Community Improvement District
NorthPoint Development
Novus Power Products LLC
Oak Ridge Memory Gardens
PACT
Pawportunities Animal Welfare Services
PennTech, Inc.

Philip Snodgrass State Farm Agency
Queen City Baseball Association
REAL Moxie LLC
RNS Private Duty Care
Phoenix Nail Lounge
Planet Fitness- 291 Hwy
Premiere Outdoor Enterprises, Inc.
Pro Roofers, LLC
Santa Fe Tow
Taste of Aloha
Terry Snelling Construction
Time Wise Media
Tropicana Paletaria
Turkey Creek Properties
UMKC TalentLink
Unlimited RV
VFW Post 1000
Vision Source Noland Rd
Visiting Nurse Association
Whataburger
WIL-PAV, INC
Wise Choices Financial LLC
Your Soldmate Ro of KW Key Partners, LLC
Zarda Bar-B-Q and Catering Co.

*Cheers for
Success!*

5-14 Years - January-March 2024

ACS Services
Adventure Oasis Water Park
Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More
Bingham-Waggoner Estate
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City
Brent Lilly Agency
Candlewood Suites
Carhartt Independence Center
Chicago and Alton 1879 Depot
Church of the Four Corners
Continental Siding
Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care
Drury Inn & Suites Independence
Duluth Trading Company
Family Wrench LLC
Flying Colors Painting
Foster Adopt Connect
GM Peters Agency, Inc.
GOAD COMPANY

Jackson County Health Department
Kansas City Zoo
Kinetic
LDS Independence Missouri Visitors' Center
Matchstick Websites
McAlister's Deli
McClain Brothers Real Estate
Nancy K Eppert
National Association of Parliamentarians
National Frontier Trails Museum
Office Products Alliance
Palmer Place Leasing Office
Paramount Health Chiropractic
PeacePathways
RDS Equipment, Inc.
Resource Health
Revive Church
Sarpinos Pizzeria
Sibley Orchards and Cider Mill

Sonshine Sports Apparel, LLC
Sterling Plaza Apartments
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
Sunterra Springs Independence
The Delaware Events + Coffee
The Gardens at Jackson Creek
Truckmovers.com
University Health Independence
University of Central Missouri
Vance & Associates, Inc.
Victorian Society of the Vaile Mansion and Dewitt Museum
Village Heights Community of Christ
Villages of Jackson Creek
Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care
Wyatt Violin Shop LLC
Zucca & Daughters & Sons Roofing Co., Inc

WELCOME

New Chamber Members

15-24 Years - Jan-Mar 2024

Consultants in Gastroenterology
Cruise Planners
Developing Potential, Inc.
Edward Jones, Jon Klassen
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 40 Hwy
Jim Blau Insurance Agency Inc.
Nativity of Mary School
NorthWest Communities Development Corpora-
tion/ Fairmount Community Center NWDC
Residence Inn by Marriott
Sonic Drive In - 4001 S Jackson Drive #5482
The RED Force Fire & Security

25-39 Years - Jan-Mar 2024

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

40-49 Years - Jan-Mar 2024

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

50 Years Plus - Jan-Mar 2024

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.

October-December 2023

Anytime Fitness
CareNow Urgent Care-Independence West
Centric
Chick-in Waffle
Convergence Financial
Eagle Mobile Notary LLC
Essential Eats Grazing, LLC
IPK LLC/9Round Kickboxing
Kansas Asphalt Inc.
KC Hearing Center
Mid-Continent Public Library Farview
Neighborhood Library
Sri's Kitchen
The Adirondack Apartments
Transformation Visitation Home
United Rentals - Reliable Onsite Services
ZenBusiness

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

SCAN QR CODE
FOR THE
DIRECTORY



**RESERVE
YOUR SPACE
TODAY!**

MARKETING OPPORTUNITY



2024 CHAMBER DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE

**MAXIMIZE YOUR
BUSINESS & BRAND
EXPOSURE
TO REACH POTENTIAL
CLIENTS!**

- Demonstrate your leadership in the Chamber and community to local and visiting consumers
- Advertise your business, products, or services
- Hyperlink to your website or social media page
- Affordable rates
- Displayed on Chamber website
- 3,600 Print Readership
- 15,000 Digital Readership

Reserve a space in your favorite section to promote your business to fellow members, consumers, as well as businesses seeking to relocate.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO
RESERVE YOUR AD SPACE**

Contact Chamber member
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to secure the best placement in this
annual directory.

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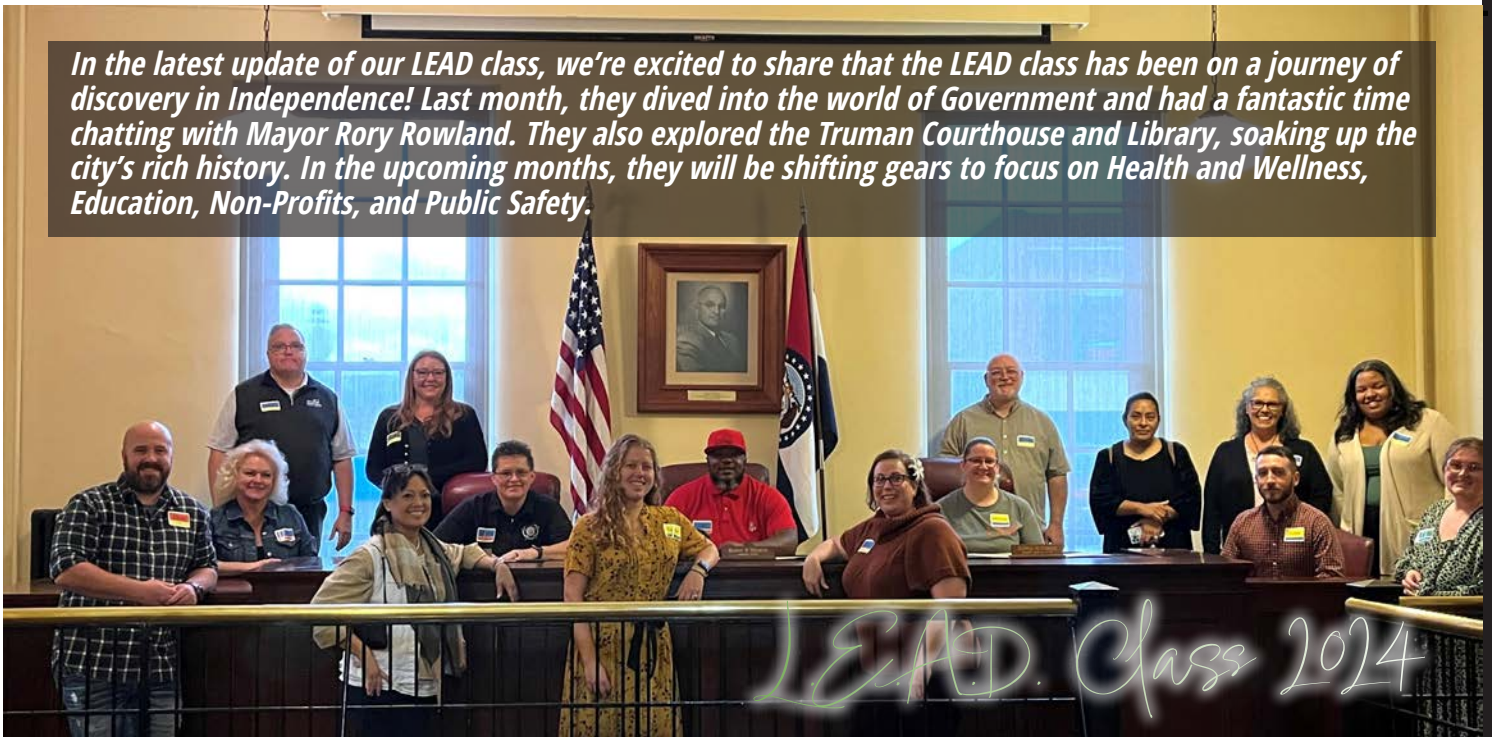
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In the latest update of our LEAD class, we're excited to share that the LEAD class has been on a journey of discovery in Independence! Last month, they dived into the world of Government and had a fantastic time chatting with Mayor Rory Rowland. They also explored the Truman Courthouse and Library, soaking up the city's rich history. In the upcoming months, they will be shifting gears to focus on Health and Wellness, Education, Non-Profits, and Public Safety.



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Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

~ Benjamin Franklin ~



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