

The Chamber

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**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**  
July/August/September 2024



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*The Frontmen*

**Main Stage Entertainment**  
**Saturday, August 31st, 2024 - 9:30 PM**  
**SantaCaliGon Days Festival**

# Legacy Partner & Community Leaders



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

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

## Legacy Partner



## Community Leaders



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*Celebrating An Independence Tradition!*

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**



**ON THE HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE SQUARE**

**AUG. 30TH-  
SEPT. 2ND,  
2024**

**ADMISSION IS FREE, AND THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. SO, GATHER YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
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**FREE ADMISSION  
LIVE MUSIC  
CARNIVAL  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
MAIN STREET 1849  
FESTIVAL FOOD**



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LEARN MORE**



**HOSTED BY: INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER**

*July/Aug/Sept 2024*

## JULY

### July 9

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

### July 10

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

### July 10

**GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING**  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Ferguson Computer Services, Inc.  
4200 S Little Blue Pkwy Suite 630

### July 12

**JOINT COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**  
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
MCC - Education Center - Longview  
500 SW Longview Road  
Lee's Summit, MO

Joint Chamber County Legislative Breakfast where all nine Jackson County Legislators and the County Executive have been invited to attend. Attend to hear committee updates and have a chance to ask questions of legislators.

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

### July 17

**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
The City House  
14300 E Us Highway 40



*Featured Speaker*

**Mayor Rory Rowland**  
City of Independence

We invite you to join us for our upcoming July Membership Luncheon. This luncheon will feature a special city update presentation by Mayor Rory Rowland and City Council members, providing valuable insights into the latest developments and initiatives happening in our city.

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### July 18

**RIBBON CUTTING & CELEBRATION**  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Helzberg Diamonds  
19007 E 39th St

### July 19

**RIBBON CUTTING & CELEBRATION**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Whimsical Eats  
10901 E Winner Rd

### July 24

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

## AUG

### August 1

**TASTY THURSDAY**  
Networking from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
V's Italiano Ristorante  
10819 E US Hwy 40



### August 6

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

### August 7

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

### August 7

**DEI LEARNING SERIES**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd

### August 13

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

### August 14

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



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

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

## August 14

### MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The City House  
14300 E US Highway 40



Dr. Dale Herl  
Independence  
School District



Dr. Jason Snodgrass  
Fort Osage  
School District



Dr. Robert Jerome  
Blue Springs  
School District

Plan to attend the Monthly Membership Luncheon, where we will hear from the local Superintendents on the current State of the Schools!

Dr. Dale Herl will provide updates on the Independence School District, Dr. Jason Snodgrass will provide updates on the Fort Osage School District, and Dr. Bob Jerome will provide updates on the Blue Springs School District.

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Please contact Mikealene Evans if you are interested. Email: [mikealene@ichamber.biz](mailto:mikealene@ichamber.biz)  
-or- Phone: (816) 607-8827

## August 16

### PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

AND

### LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce  
& Online via Zoom



Interact with elected officials 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.

## August 19

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce

## August 21

### BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Missouri Job Center  
15301 East 23rd St S



## August 29

### SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL

CARNIVAL OPENS

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Historic Independence Square

## August 30

### SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL BEGINS

NOON - 11:00 PM

Historic Independence Square



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We are honored to host (along with our sponsor Xfinity), the 52nd celebration of the long-standing Independence tradition, the SantaCaliGon® Days Festival. We hope you will join us for a fun weekend that brings our community together to enjoy great music, arts & craft booths, delicious food, carnival rides, and fun activities for the entire family!

#### FESTIVAL HOURS:

- Carnival Opens on Thursday  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Friday - Noon-11:00 PM
- Saturday - 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
- Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
- Monday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## August 31

### SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL

10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Historic Independence Square

# SEPT

## September 1

### SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL

10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Historic Independence Square

## September 2

### SANTACALIGON DAYS FESTIVAL

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Historic Independence Square

## September 11

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## September 16

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce

## September 20

### PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

AND

### LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom



## September 24

### SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

We have many sponsorship opportunities available.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these events, please contact the Chamber office by email: [info@iChamber.biz](mailto:info@iChamber.biz)  
or call 816.252.4745

# Ribbon Cuttings

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**April 24, 2024**

**Sri's Kitchen  
201 N Forest Ave  
Independence, MO 64050**



**May 10, 2024**

**Alchemy House LLC  
1100 S Harmony  
Independence, MO 64056**



**May 16, 2024**

**Jackson Creek Post Acute  
3980 S Jackson Drive  
Independence, MO 64057**



**May 17, 2024**

**Vegan Kingdom KC Food Truck  
201 N Forest, Suite 120  
Independence, MO 64050**



**May 22, 2024**

**Spirit World  
17001 E US Hwy 24 Suite 200  
Independence, MO 64056**



**May 23, 2024**

**The Salvation Army Crossroads  
Shelter  
14704 E Truman Rd  
Independence, MO 64050**

# Ribbon Cuttings

May 23, 2024

Penner Property Management  
2620 Hub Drive, Suite B  
Independence, MO 64055

May 31, 2024

Walmart Neighborhood Market  
3411 S Noland Rd  
Independence, MO 64055

June 5, 2024

Transformation Visitation Home  
2534 Queen Ridge Dr  
Independence, MO 64055

June 7, 2024

Mid-Continent Public Library  
East Independence  
4505 S. Little Blue Parkway  
Independence, MO 64057

June 12, 2024

TESSERE  
107 S Main Street, Suite 200  
Independence, MO 64050



*Do you have something to celebrate?*

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](mailto:paula@ichamber.biz) to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony or scan the QR code to apply online.

CITY UPDATE



*Featured Speaker*  
Mayor Rory Rowland  
City of Independence

**JULY**  
Wednesday  
**17**  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

**INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER**  
**UPCOMING LUNCHEONS**

**The City House**  
14300 E US Hwy 40  
Kansas City, MO 64136

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

*Featured Speakers*



Dr. Robert Jerome  
Blue Springs School District



Dr. Jason Snodgrass  
Fort Osage School District



Dr. Dale Herl  
Independence School District

**AUGUST**  
Wednesday  
**14**  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

**APPLY NOW!**  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 1ST

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE INDEPENDENCE L.E.A.D. 2024-2025 CLASS

REGISTER TODAY! The 2024-2025 L.E.A.D. Independence class will meet 9 times on the third Thursday of each month from September to May. The L.E.A.D. Independence 2024 class will choose what they study and what businesses and sites they will visit.

**CLASS STARTING SOON!  
DON'T DELAY IN REGISTERING!**



CALL FOR MORE INFO  
**816.252.4745**

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO OR TO APPLY



L.E.A.D. CLASS 2024



# LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Interact with elected officials 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.



**TO ATTEND, PLEASE KINDLY REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS**

**August 16, 2024  
8:30 AM**



**Sept. 20, 2024  
8:30 AM**



## JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM



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



**Online via Zoom  
Please register to receive  
Zoom information**



## THE MEDALLION HUNT RETURNS!



HAPPY HUNTING!

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**BEGINNING SOON!**

**JULY 30TH, 2024**

For the 52nd celebration of the festival, in collaboration with the **The Examiner**, we are bringing back the **SantaCaliGon** medallion treasure hunt again this year! Clues pointing the treasure seeker to the location of the medallions will be published by The Examiner until all 5 medallions have been found.

The medallions will be hidden at public locations in Independence. Clues will also be posted on the **SantaCaliGon Days Festival Facebook page**. When a medallion is found the seeker will scan the QR code on the back of the medallion to register and claim their spot to win the **GRAND PRIZE**.



One winner will be randomly selected on **Friday, Aug. 30th, at the Main Stage** during the festival.

# Don't Miss the Biggest Event of the Year!

## Celebrating Our Pioneering Spirit

Join us for the 52nd Annual SantaCaliGon® Days Festival, a traditional event celebrating the rich history of the Santa Fe, California, and Oregon Trails. Hosted by the Independence Chamber of Commerce and presented by Xfinity, this festival takes place over Labor Day Weekend from August 30th to September 2nd in Independence, MO. Experience the spirit that shaped our nation at this historic and vibrant festival.

## Vendor Extravaganza in Historic Downtown

Explore nine square blocks of vendor booths in Independence's historic downtown. Discover handcrafted treasures, from jewelry to wood crafts, and indulge in a variety of delicious foods. Local merchants will also be part of this unique shopping experience.

## Unforgettable Main Stage Performances

The Main Stage will feature an outstanding lineup of entertainment spanning three days, with performances from tribute bands and local favorites. Enjoy the shows up close with giant video screens on both sides of the stage.

## Main Stage Lineup

Friday, August 30th:

- ◇ 6:00 pm - Lyin' Eyes – Eagles Tribute
- ◇ 7:45 pm - Revelation-Journey Tribute
- ◇ 9:30 pm - Bob Jovi-A Tribute to Bon Jovi

Saturday, August 31st:

- ◇ 6:00 pm - Jason Craig and the Wingmen
- ◇ 7:30 pm - Damien Gunn and the Bang Bangs
- ◇ 9:30 pm - The Frontmen

Sunday, September 1st:

- ◇ 5:30 pm - Soulshine
- ◇ 7:00 pm - The Who Generation – A Tribute to The Who
- ◇ 9:00 pm - Edge of Forever – Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute

All concerts are free, with VIP tickets available for purchase online at [SantaCaliGon.com](http://SantaCaliGon.com).

# 52nd SantaCaliGon Days Festival

Labor Day Weekend  
Aug. 30th - Sept. 2nd, 2024



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Bob Jovi - A Tribute to Bon Jovi



The Frontmen



Edge of Forever - Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute



COMMUNITY STAGE SPONSOR



### Medallion Hunt Returns

The popular medallion treasure hunt is back! Clues will be published by The Examiner and posted on the festival's Facebook page until all medallions are found. Find a medallion, scan the QR code, and claim your spot to win the grand prize worth \$500.

### Carnival Midway Attractions

The carnival midway offers rides for thrill-seekers of all ages. Presale of unlimited ride wristbands will be available online beginning in August leading up to the festival.

### Main Street 1849: A Pioneer Adventure Awaits

Experience a journey back in time with Main Street 1849. Located on Main Street between Lexington and Kansas avenues, this attraction features gold panning, a frontier jail cell, pioneer actors, live entertainment, games, activities, and live demonstrations. Perfect for memorable family photos.



### Community Stage: Local Talent Spotlight

The Community Stage presented by Worlds of Fun will feature local talent, providing lively entertainment throughout the day and under the stars in the evening.

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### Join Us for a Weekend of Celebration

Tom Lesnak, President of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, shared his enthusiasm: "Celebrating the 52nd anniversary of Independence's premier event is a fantastic opportunity to unite our community. This Labor Day Weekend, we look forward to hosting you and your family for great music, arts and crafts, delicious food, carnival rides, and fun activities."



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# Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

## 1-4 Years - July-Sept 2024

Abundant Life Independence  
Archwell Health  
Athletico  
B&B Theatres Twin Drive-In  
Blue Mills Plumbing LLC dba Val Gross Plumbing  
Blystone Insurance Agency  
Crumb Cookies  
Dog Training Elite Kansas City South  
Dynamic Construction Group LLC  
Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Carson F. Burke  
Foxtail Dumpsters LLC  
Gaffney & Company, LLC  
GI Junk Removal  
Independence Manor Care Center

InReach Physical Therapy  
Justin Garner Dentistry  
Laura Lynne Real Estate  
Liberty Exposition Services  
Morgan Miller Plumbing  
Musketeer Home Care  
Nate Tate the Insurance Guy  
Nichole's Neighbors  
paraMi LLC  
Silver Heart Inn  
Tammi Sue's, LLC  
TC Enterprise LLC  
The Cleaning Crew of KC LLC  
The Mystery Hour  
Three Oaks Hospice

## 5-14 Years - July-Sept 2024

Beth Franklin Real Estate Team at Keller Williams  
BlendWell Community Cafe  
Cable Dahmer Arena  
CenterWell Senior Primary Care  
City of Independence Tourism  
Cosentino's Sunfresh  
Deals Thrift Mart  
Dental Excellence  
Dutzel's Catering  
Edward Jones, Drew Hammer  
Ennovation Center  
EPIC KC  
First National Business Corporation  
(FNBC-Kansas City)

Kansas City Structural Steel Inc  
KMC Dermatology  
Liberty Tax Service  
Los Cabos Mexican Grill & Cantina  
Mark One Electric Co., Inc.  
Marshall Arts Productions  
Metro Motors KC  
Rotary Club of Eastern Independence  
Sarah Cannon Cancer Center  
SCOOB'S TINT & DENTS  
St. Mary's Medical Center  
Summit Salon Academy KC  
Susan Appleberry Widick, DDS, PC  
TNC Community  
Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

## 15-24 Years - July-Sept 2024

Central Bank - 23rd St  
Central Bank - Commercial Lending Center  
Central Bank of the Midwest  
Drumm Farm Golf Club  
Hilton Garden Inn Independence  
Jackson County Electrical Services Inc  
Kiwanis Club of Independence  
Low Printing  
McDonald's Restaurant - 18910 E US Highway 40  
The Big Biscuit

**25-39 Years - July-Sept 2024**

AFS Insurance  
American Medical Response  
Community Services League  
Edward Jones, Craig Bolger  
Hillcrest Transitional Housing  
Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc  
The Salvation Army

**40-49 Years - July-Sept 2024**

Cable-Dahmer Buick GMC  
HEMCO Corporation  
State Farm Insurance, Blake Roberson

*Cheers for  
Success!*

**WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
SUPPORT, ENGAGEMENT, AND  
UNWAVERING COMMITMENT  
TO THE INDEPENDENCE  
COMMUNITY.**

**WITH DEDICATED MEMBERS  
LIKE YOU, WE CAN DRIVE  
POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH  
VARIOUS BUSINESS  
INITIATIVES**

**WELCOME**  
*New Chamber Members*

**April-June 2024**

**Arrowhead Strategy Group  
Buckner Chamber of Commerce  
Cheyenne Grimes at RE/MAX Heritage  
Earth First Waste Solutions LLC  
Helzberg Diamonds  
Insight Plus Bookkeeping LLC  
Olsson Associates  
PardeePix Photo Booth  
Riley's Hope  
Turner Construction Company  
Unite Private Networks  
Vegan Kingdom KC  
Wake and Bacon KC  
Walmart Neighborhood Market #6500**

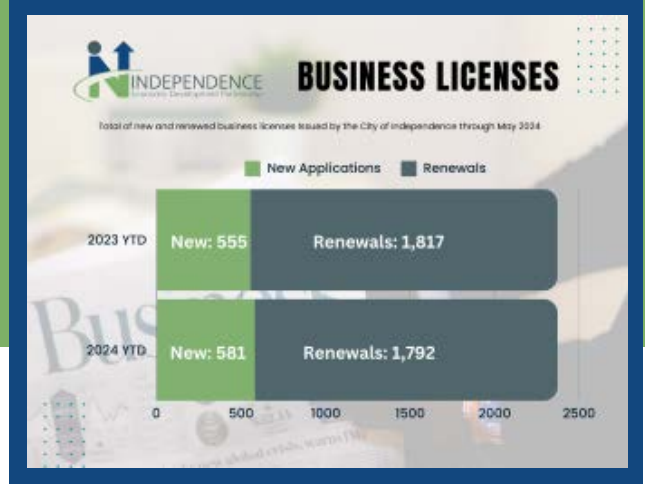
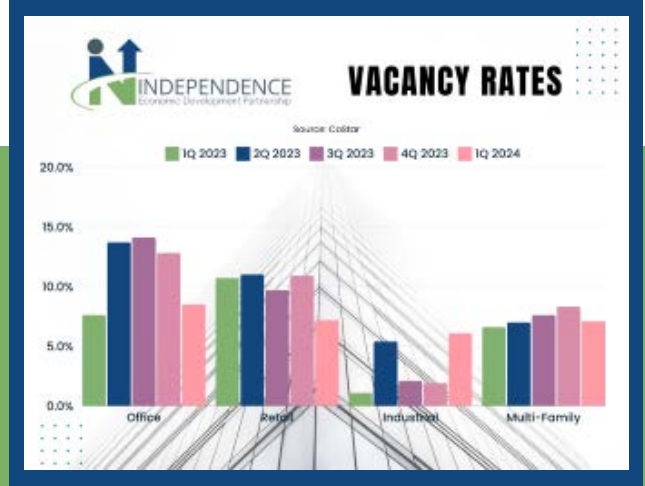
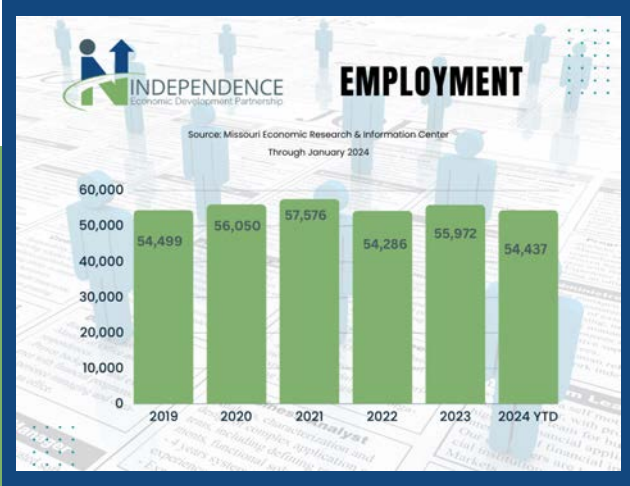
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CHAMBER DIRECTORY**

**[WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY](http://WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY)**

**SCAN QR  
CODE  
FOR THE  
DIRECTORY**



Visit the NEW IEDP page on the Chamber's website  
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## INPACT AWARDS



Alchemy House Coffee Community



Penner Property Management



Walmart Independence Market

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES CONTACT**

**Tom Lesnak, Independence Chamber President**  
 Independence Economic Development Partnership  
 Email: [tom@ichamber.biz](mailto:tom@ichamber.biz) Phone: 816.463.3510



# Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“

“We don't have to be smarter than the rest. We have to be more disciplined than the rest.”

~ Warren Buffett ~”



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## Caught on Camera



## Save The Date

