



## Ability Field Dedicated June 25



Mayor Eileen Weir joined Royals chairman/owner David Glass, Royals president Dan Glass and other officials and celebrities, including baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr., to dedicate the new Ability Field at McCoy Park on June 25.

The state-of-the-art design of the field includes a wheelchair/walker-friendly rubberized surface, striped base paths, large dugouts without stairs or curbs, and bleachers for the fans.

Independence Parks & Recreation worked with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and Variety Children's Charity of Greater Kansas City to raise the money to develop the field for children of all ages and abilities.



**Those joining Sluggerrr on the field for the National Anthem included current and former Royals' players Lorenzo Cain, Michael Mariot, Dennis Leonard and Jeff Montgomery.**



**Following the dedication of Daniel's Field, the players posed before the first pitch was tossed.**

## Enjoy Bicycling This Summer

It's a beautiful day — the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing. Sounds like the perfect time for a bike ride. Before you go, make sure you understand the laws as a cyclist.

According to Missouri law, a bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as a motorist. Cyclists must obey the same traffic laws, with limited exceptions, in the same way as motor vehicles. And, motorists must treat bicycles the same as any other vehicle.

As a cyclist, always ride with traffic, and try to ride as near to the right side of the roadway as possible. A person operating a bicycle may also ride on the shoulder adjacent to the roadway, but they are not required to do so.

Missouri law prohibits cyclists from riding on the sidewalk in a business district. Additionally, City ordinance prohibits anyone 13 or older from riding a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.

Designated bike lanes cannot be blocked by any stationary object, nor can motor vehicles drive in a bicycle lane unless to cross the lane or otherwise provide for safe travel. In that case, the driver of a motor vehicle must yield to any bicycle in the lane.

Always signal before changing lanes or changing your position within a lane. Before merging, changing lanes or turning, look behind and in front of you to make sure it is safe.

Make it easier to be seen by motorists. Wear bright colors and stay out of a vehicle's blind spots. When bicycling at night, every bicycle needs a front-facing lamp, a rear-facing red reflector, and reflective material or lights visible from the front, rear, and both sides of the bicycle or bicyclist.

Wear a bike helmet every time you ride, even if you are going for a short ride. Wearing a helmet can prevent serious head injuries or death. For the safest helmets, look for a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). It's also important to make sure your bike helmet fits you properly.

For more information on bike safety, go to <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>.

# Vehicle Parking Is Regulated in Residential Areas

More and more households have multiple vehicles these days. Because there isn't always room in the garage – or if the home doesn't have a garage – questions are raised about where to park.

In residential neighborhoods, off-street parking is allowed only on an approved paved driveway and adjoining asphalt/concrete pads, or other designated approved parking areas. Parking on the grass is prohibited.



Gravel or other aggregate driveways which lawfully existed prior to July 30, 2004 and which have been maintained, are legal non-conforming and can continue to be used for parking.

Only licensed passenger vehicles can be parked on driveways. Tow trucks, dump trucks, semi-tractor cabs, buses and hauling trailers longer than 15' are prohibited. A hauling trailer less than 15' is allowed, if parked on a paved all-weather surface either in front of the house or in the back yard.

Recreational equipment and vehicles (RVs) are allowed to be parked in residential neighborhoods, but must be parked on a paved all-weather surface. They cannot extend into the street right-of-way or over a sidewalk. RVs must be parked at least 7' from any side and rear property lines. RVs may not be parked or stored on a vacant lot.

For more information about these requirements, please contact Community Development at (816) 325-7109.



## Citizens with Disabilities Questionnaire

The Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Board is a resource for investigating barriers to services needed by disabled Independence residents. If you or a family member have a disability, please complete the following questionnaire and return by **September 13, 2014**. Please list specific locations where possible.

THESE ARE OUR CONCERNS: (Please check all that apply.)

**Transportation** (transit operations, bus stops, disabled parking)

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**Access to buildings** (businesses, stores, churches)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Housing Issues** (accessible, affordable, well-located)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Public Infrastructure** (sidewalks, public parks, pedestrian signals)

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Special needs for:  Hearing  Vision  Mental Health  Children with disabilities  Other

\_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Disabled Person:  Under Age 18  Age 18 to 54  Age 55 and over

**Please return to:** Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Board, c/o Donna Coatsworth, City of Independence Public Works Department, 111 E. Maple, Independence, MO 64050

## Summer Fun Sizzles in September **FAQ: Where Do I Go?**

Summer is winding down, but there are still plenty of opportunities in September to entertain the family.

Cap off the summer on Labor Day weekend with the **Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival** beginning August 29 on The Square. In addition to the concerts, carnival rides, vendor booths and other activities, new this year will be the **1st Annual Little Mister & Miss Independence** contest for children ages 4-6. The contest will be held at the Community Stage (located at the corner of Maple & Osage streets) at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 31.

The contestants will be asked to tell the judges their name, age and what they like best about Santa-Cali-Gon, and will be judged on personality, poise and attire. The two winners will each receive a \$100 saving bond and will ride on a sponsored float in the Independence Chamber Halloween parade on Saturday, October 25, 2014. For contest information contact the Chamber of Commerce at (816) 252-4745.



For a relaxing change of pace, try the 2nd Annual **Independence Uncorked Wine Festival** from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. The Wine Festival will feature 21 wineries from all around Missouri on the grounds of the historic Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include a wine glass. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the afternoon with art, music and food. For information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.independencuncorked.com](http://www.independencuncorked.com).

Don't let the summer end without trying the *The Mile Starts Here* walking program each Wednesday at 9 a.m. On September 3, meet in the parking lot behind Bass Pro by the playground for the Waterfall Park walk; September 10, walk at McCoy Park, 800 N. Bess Truman Pkwy.; September 17, it's back to the Independence Athletic Complex, 17800 E. Salisbury Rd.; and finish the month on September 24 at Rotary Park, 10615 E. 24th St. S. For more information about *The Mile Starts Here* visit [www.independencemo.org/health](http://www.independencemo.org/health).

The Englewood Arts District will be the place to be starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, September 19. The **Gypsy Caravan** will be home to vendors offering antiques, crafts and flea market finds.



The event overlaps with the **3rd Friday Art Walk**, so visitors can also tour the art galleries, watch live performers and artists on the sidewalks while they listen to music and enjoy the atmosphere. The event continues on Saturday, September 20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Also on Saturday, September 20 will be two special, outdoor performances in the tent across from 10815 E. Winner Road to mark the grand opening of the Punch & Judy Exhibit at the Puppetry Arts Institute, 11025 E. Winner Road.

Parasol Puppets from Jamesport, MO will present **Punch & Judy** at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., celebrating more than 350 years of international performances featuring these zany characters. Tickets are \$5 and include a tour of the Museum. For ticket information, call (816) 833-9777 or visit [www.hazelle.org](http://www.hazelle.org).



Make plans now and save the date for **Touch-a-Truck!** From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 20 bring the family to the Independence Events Center, 19100 E. Valley View Parkway. Watch for more information as plans are finalized.

Gain first-hand knowledge of the pioneers' life on the Santa Fe Trail with the **Wagon Tour and Swales Walk** at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Leaving at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, this hour-long program includes a wagon tour of the swales created by wagons in the 1830s and a tour of the Santa Fe exhibit gallery. Tickets are \$16 per adult; \$10 for children ages 6-17. Advance reservations are required at (816) 325-7575.

Find more events and activities in Independence at [www.visitindependence.com](http://www.visitindependence.com) or call the Tourism office at (816) 325-7111.

When you need assistance from a local government office, few things are more frustrating than visiting the wrong building. The following lists the information most frequently requested by residents:

### **Historic Truman Courthouse** 112 W. Lexington (on The Square) (816) 881-4400

- Marriage Licenses
- Personal Property Tax
- Real Estate Deeds
- Child Support Assistance

### **Eastern Jackson County Courthouse** 308 W. Kansas (816) 881-4400

- Jury Duty
- Circuit Court (Divorce, Ex-Parte)
- Small Claims Court

### **Jackson County Board of Elections** 215 N. Liberty (816) 325-4600

- Voter Registration

### **State of Missouri License Bureau** Hub Shopping Ctr. (M-291 & 23rd St.) (816) 252-7557

- Drivers Licenses
- Vehicle Licensing and Renewals

### **Independence City Hall** 111 E. Maple (816) 325-7000

- Building Permits
- Municipal Court
- Liquor License Permits
- Pay Traffic Tickets
- Youth Court

### **Independence Health Department** 515 S. Liberty (816) 325-7182

- Birth/Death Certificates
- Food Handler Permits/Classes
- Property Maintenance Complaints

For a complete listing of **Jackson County** offices and phone numbers, visit the website at [www.jacksongov.org/content/3273/3380/#departments](http://www.jacksongov.org/content/3273/3380/#departments).

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# Directory

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## Where To Call

The City of Independence has an automated voice-response telephone system. Call **325-7000** and say the name of the person or the department you wish to contact.



- Adopt-a-Street** 325-7602
- Barking Dogs** 325-7213
- Building Permits** 325-7401
- Business Licenses** 325-7079
- Crime Stoppers Tips** 474-8477
- Drop-Off Trash** 325-7623
- Drugs** 325-6272
- Graffiti** 257-7824
- Municipal Court** 325-7230
- Neighborhood Watch** 325-7643
- Park Vandalism** 325-7208
- Police Non-Emergency** 836-3600
- Fire Non-Emergency** 325-7123
- Potholes** 325-7624
- Report Power Outage** 325-7550
- Street Lights** 325-7535
- Storm Water Pollution** 325-7727
- Utilities**
- Customer Service** 325-7930
- Pay by Phone** 325-SERV
- Payment Assistance** 254-4100
- Weeds, Trash** 325-7193

## City Drop-Off Depot

**8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Second Saturday Of Each Month**  
**March through November!**  
**875 Vista Avenue**

From M-291, take Truman Road east approximately one mile, then north on Vista Avenue.

- Trash:** Cars, \$11; Vehicles Larger Than Car, \$16; Trailers 8 Feet or Longer, \$26
- Brush:** Limbs, Firewood, Bushes, Stumps. No Leaves or Grass: \$11/load
- Major Appliances:** \$15 Each
- Batteries & Lawnmowers:** Free
- Tires:** Car, \$2; Mounted Car, \$4; Truck, \$5; Mounted Truck, \$11; Farm/Tractor, \$16

Residential vehicles only, no commercial. No vehicles larger than a pick-up truck. Proof of residency required.

## The Mile Starts Here

- Featuring:
- Waterfall Park
  - The McCoy Mile
  - INDEPENDENCE ATHLETIC COMPLEX
  - Rotary Park
  - Missouri Conservation Trail

Join us as we walk a mile, every Wednesday at 9 am, May-Oct. Find out where and when at: [BuildingAHealthierIndependence.org](http://BuildingAHealthierIndependence.org)



## Regional Animal Shelter

21001 E. Hwy. 78, Independence

Help them find a forever home. Adopt a homeless pet.

**Noon - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday**  
**11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday**

Call (816) 621-7722

**Always Spay or Neuter!**



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## Watch City Meetings On Streaming Video

City Council meetings and study sessions are available as live and archived streaming video on the City's website, [www.independencemo.org](http://www.independencemo.org).

Each live City 7 TV broadcast is available online during the 6 p.m. Monday City Council meetings. An archive of the program is available on the site the next morning for viewing 24 hours a day. Archived videos are available for a few months following their posting. If you would like to purchase a copy of a Council meeting call 325-7762.

## Recycling Centers

**13600 E. 35th Street**  
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays  
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays

**875 Vista Avenue**  
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sundays  
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mondays

MRC now operates the two City recycling centers. Items accepted include paper, cardboard, steel, aluminum, plastic, glass, electronics, appliances, computers, flat screen TVs, lawn and garden equipment and rechargeable batteries. A fee will be charged for non flat-screen TVs. \$15 for TVs 27" and smaller and \$35 for larger TVs. All other items are free of charge, including computer monitors.

## CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor**
- Eileen Weir 325-7027
- City Council Office** 325-7022
- [www.independencemo.org/citycouncil](http://www.independencemo.org/citycouncil)
- Councilmembers**
- Marcie Gragg District 1
- Curt Dougherty District 2
- Scott Roberson District 3
- Vacant District 4
- Karen DeLuccie At-Large
- Chris Whiting At-Large
- City Manager**
- Robert Heacock 325-7170



## City of Independence

Government Access Television

**CITY COUNCIL**  
 6 p.m. Mondays\*  
 10 a.m. Tuesdays  
 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
 2 p.m. Sundays

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays\*  
 10 a.m. Wednesdays  
 7 p.m. Thursdays

For more information:  
[www.City7.TV](http://www.City7.TV)

\*Denotes live meeting, all others are rebroadcasts.