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Fall Traditions for Family Fun

Celebrate the arrival of Fall with the Ghosts of the Civil War Cemetery Walk, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28. Groups will depart every ten minutes from Newcomer's Funeral Home next to Woodlawn Cemetery at 701 S. Noland Road. As you tour the cemetery you will encounter "ghosts" sharing stories about their experiences in the latter days of the Civil War. Tickets available on site: \$10 adults/\$5 youth ages 8-18.

Don't miss Girl's Night Out on The Square 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 2. Grab your BFF, escape from the routine and take advantage of extended store hours for socializing and spending time with friends. It's the ultimate night for sisterhood – fun, food, giveaways, raffles, prizes and shopping! A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Cancer Action. Early bird tickets are \$15 – available through October 1; \$20 at the door. Visit www.theindependencesquare.com for tickets and information, or call (816) 461-0065.

Hurry back to The Square at noon on Sat-

urday, October 4 for the Finish Line Festival of the 2014 Fireball Run! After eight days, four states and 2,500 miles, the "Adventurally" will conclude with a celebration featuring live music, car show, petting zoo, food vendors and a grand parade welcoming the 40 teams to Independence.

At 4 p.m. the Fireball teams will parade around The Square, officially crossing the finish line. This free event is open to all, and dedicated to raising awareness about missing children. The entire race, as well as the Finish Line Festival, will be featured in episodes broadcast online at www.fireballrun.com. For more information, contact Independence Tourism at (816) 325-7816.

Spice up your weekends with the Friday Night Ghost Tours, beginning at the 1859 Jail & Marshal's Home and ending with a covered wagon ride complete with ghost stories and yarns of haunted places on The Square. Tours leave at 7 and 8 p.m. on Fridays, October 10, 17, 24 and 31. Advance reservations required by

calling (816) 461-0065. Tickets are \$18 adults/\$12 ages 7-11. Tour is not recommended for kids under 7.

To help raise funds needed to re-



place the Pioneer Woman statue stolen and destroyed by thieves, the Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum are sponsoring the first annual Trails Trot 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 11. Leaving from the Museum at 318 W. Pacific at 7:30 a.m. (rain or shine), competitors will follow a course looping through historic downtown Independence.

Join the fun and register online at iWantRegistered.com. Early registration (prior to October 8) is \$22.50; after October 8, fee will be \$28. All pre-registered participants receive a t-shirt. Event day registration will be from 6:30-7:15 a.m. For questions, contact Chris Earley at (816) 787-5384.

Not an athlete? Bring the family for the Corn Husk Doll Making Workshop,

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Stay Ahead of The Flu With Early Vaccination

It's that time of year again – the kids start back to school, everyone starts to get back into the swing of things at work, and the dreaded flu season starts.

The flu virus carries the risk of serious medical complications, hospitalization or even death. The Independence Health Department (IHD) reminds you to take advantage of an annual flu vaccination.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone over the age of six months receive the seasonal flu vaccination each year. While important for everyone, it is especially significant for high risk groups

including those under 5, over 65, those who are pregnant and those with asthma, diabetes, or chronic lung disease.

It is also important for healthy, school-age children to receive the vaccine. Data from the IHD indicates children ages 5 to 14 are the age group with the most cases of influenza in Independence. In response, the IHD is partnering with the Independence School District to offer the influenza vaccine to all children in the district in grades K-12.

A vaccination is needed every year, because each year a new vaccine is released as the flu virus evolves. The flu vaccination is available as the traditional

shot or as a nasal spray.

Independence Health Department Director Larry Jones encourages early vaccination. "Don't put it off," he said. "Get your flu vaccine early – and remember to always practice good hygiene by covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, washing your hands regularly with soap and water, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth."

If you have any questions about influenza, the flu vaccine, which form you should receive or where you can get vaccinated, call your healthcare provider or the IHD at (816) 325-7204.

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from 10 – 11:30 a.m. also on Saturday, October 11. The kids can learn about pioneer children and the history of corn husk dolls at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Tickets are \$15 per participant; advance reservations required to (816) 325-7575.

Later that day, take the Trails From The Square Walking Tour, leaving from the west side of the Historic Jackson County Courthouse at 1 p.m. Learn about early Independence history when Independence was the gateway to the west. Tickets \$5 each. Reservations required to (816) 325-7575.

Enjoy another non-scary Halloween tradition with the Enchanted Forest at George Owens Nature Park, 1601 S. Speck Road on Fridays and Saturdays, October 17, 18, 24 and 25. From 7 to 9 p.m., visitors will enjoy a trip through the lighted forest to see fairy tale and storybook characters come to life. Admission of \$3 per person includes an old-fashioned hayride, which will end with a big surprise!

Dress up in your best costume and come out for the 66th annual Halloween Parade on The Square on Saturday, October 25. Bring the kids for Trick or Treat from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the businesses on The Square, then enjoy the parade at 3 p.m. The parade features floats, bands and clowns, and is hosted by the Independence Chamber of Commerce; for information call (816) 252-4745 or visit www.ichamber.biz.



Halloween isn't all scary! Especially for children ages 2 to 6, Puppeteer Anitra Steele presents "Brave Stephen & The Headless Ghost" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29. Visit the Puppetry Arts Institute at 11025 E. Winner Road. Tickets are \$5; Reservations encouraged; call (816) 833-9777.

For more October events, visit www.visitindependence.com or call the Tourism office at (816) 325-7111.

Palmer Center Senior Information Fair

The Palmer Center will host a free Senior Information Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, October 10.

More than 40 agencies and businesses will have information about their services and products they provide for older adults.



Participants will be able to gather valuable resources, enter drawings for door prizes, receive free health screenings and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

For more information about the Information Fair, contact The Palmer Center at 816-325-6200.



Use Caution with Lawn Chemicals

As summer winds down, fall lawn maintenance chores may be on your to-do list. Water Pollution Control (WPC) reminds you to use lawn chemicals wisely. Improperly applied lawn chemicals can harm your lawn and garden, pollute local waterways, and harm fish and wildlife.

Use lawn chemicals carefully to benefit the environment and save money. Consider the following options to help to protect the water quality in our streams:

- Have soil tested for nutrient deficiencies before using fertilizers.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly or not at all and never before a heavy rainfall.
- Choose products with the lowest toxicity that will safely and effectively control pests.

- Keep fertilizers and pesticides out of streets and storm drains.
- Landscape with native plants and adopt organic gardening practices.
- Reuse yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, etc.) as mulch or compost or have it picked up for recycling.
- Maintain plant cover on your property and prevent soil erosion.
- Re-direct roof drains away from pavement and toward vegetated areas.
- Plant a rain garden and use rain barrels to capture rainwater from downspouts.

For more information, call Water Pollution Control, (816) 325-7711.



"Talking" Buildings in Development

Ever drive by a building and wonder if it could talk what interesting stories it could tell? City staff was recently wondering the same thing. In response, staff started researching and came up with the idea to develop a new smartphone application (app) to do just that.

The app, now in the development stage, will allow residents and visitors using their phone to stand near a designated building or site where an image will appear. By clicking on the image, the visitor will start a short, one minute video about that location.

Sites will be able to have just one story or a series of stories about it, given by different people with different experiences. These stories may describe an event which happened there, about

someone who lived or worked there, or even some details about how it was constructed.

Buildings and sites will be grouped by themes such as President Harry Truman, the pioneers and trails or by architectural styles. With so much history in Independence, spanning nearly two centuries, the possibilities are almost endless. Locations will be city-wide and can be visited individually or by themed "tour."

City staff is now working on creating the app and hopes to have it available to the public by the winter of 2015. If you would like to film your story or suggest a location or theme, contact the Historic Preservation Division at (816) 325-7419 or by email at wshay@indepmmo.org to learn more.

Unlimited Play Playground Project Continues at McCoy Park

In June, Independence Parks & Recreation cut the ribbon on the Independence Ability Field at McCoy Park and celebrated construction of the Unlimited Play Playground designed for children ages two to five. The event received widespread media attention, and the project is a tribute to the much-appreciated support received from the many sponsors and partners.

During the next few months, visitors to McCoy Park will notice the addition of concrete patios, ramps and side-walks.

Additional fencing and railings will be completed, new shade structures will be installed and necessary facility upgrades will be made. Completion of these items will mark the end of Phase 2 of the McCoy Park Inclusive Play Project.

Phase 3 of construction will add a second

and Unlimited Play Playground designed for children ages five and up, and updates to the existing sprayground. Volunteers are always needed! If you would like to volunteer for play days, clean-ups, or to donate to the project please call Independence Parks and Recreation at (816) 325-7843 or email kzimmerman@indepmo.org

This fall Parks & Recreation will host a series of Miracle League Youth Baseball Clinics for children with disabilities. These clinics are designed for kids ages 5 to 17 of varying abilities to learn some baseball basics such as hitting, throwing, catching and fielding in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

If you would like to participate in the Miracle League of Independence, please contact Independence Parks and Recreation at (816) 325-7843. Come out and play!



Unlimited Play Playground for Ages 2-5



Phase 3 Design for Unlimited Play Playground for Ages 5 and Older

Register to Vote by October 8 for the November Election



On November 4, Independence voters in District 4 (southwest Independence) will elect a City Council representative to fill the unexpired term of Eileen Weir, who was elected Mayor in April.

Voters will choose between Tom Van Camp and Laura Dominik, who received the most votes in the primary election held August 5.

You must be registered by Wednesday, October 8 in order to vote November 4. If you have questions about your voting status or your polling location, contact the Jackson County Election Board at 215 N. Liberty, just north of the historic Independence Square or call (816) 325-4600.

Additional information and registration forms are available on the Jackson County Election Board website at <http://jcebmo.org/home>.

Eastern Jackson County
Yard Waste Collection Center

Need a place to dispose of your fall yard clean-up waste?

Recycle limbs and leaves at the Eastern Jackson County Yard Waste Collection Center. Open Saturdays from June through October; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

37910 E. Pink Hill Road
Oak Grove, MO 64075
(816) 847-7050

Yard waste only; Payment by debit/credit card only. No cash accepted.

	Jackson Cty. Residential	Non-Residential/ Commercial
Pickup Truck	\$15	\$25
Lg. Truck	\$10/cu.yd.	\$15/cu.yd.
Sm. Trailer	\$15	\$25
Lg. Trailer	\$10/cu.yd.	\$15/cu.yd.
Paper Leaf Bags	\$1 each	\$2 each

October Closes Walking Program

October is the last month for *The Mile Starts Here* walking program, held each Wednesday at 9 a.m. On **October 1**, meet in the parking lot behind Bass Pro by the playground for the Waterfall Park walk; **October 8**, walk through McCoy Park, 800 N. Bess Truman Pkwy.; **October 15**, it's back to the Independence Athletic Complex, 17800 E. Salisbury Rd.; **October 22** visit Rotary Park, 10615 E. 24th St. S.; and the final walk for the year will be **October 29** at the Community of Christ Temple Trail, 1001 W. Walnut. Meet at the roundabout. For more information about *The Mile Starts Here* visit www.independencemo.org/health.

Can't Wait for CityScene?
CityScene is available on the City's website on the first day of each month. Go to www.independencemo.org and click on "Newsroom." You will find both current and past issues.

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY

FIND OUR SURVEY LINK ON THE MAIN PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE www.ci.independence.mo.us/parksandrecreation/ OR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS!
Survey will be available in October.

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** 325-7960
- 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

Rotery 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



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.

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.

CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor**
- Eileen Weir 325-7027
- City Council Office** 325-7022
- 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



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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.



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

(816) 621-7722



Always Spay or Neuter!



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

*Denotes live meeting, all others are rebroadcasts.