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We're Fixing It! Your Tax Dollars At Work

This summer, residents will see crews working on several street projects throughout Independence. After a project area has been identified, and the engineering work is completed, requests for bids are issued and contracts for the work are awarded. It can take months for the engineering work and bid documents to be prepared, so new projects continually overlap with projects in the final construction phases.



24 Highway Sidewalks: This project will construct sidewalks between Brookside and Overton. Federal funds have been obtained for the majority of the construction costs.



Street Overlay Program: Every year the City overlays several miles of streets throughout the city. Last year's project included 46 miles of streets, and was completed this spring. The 2015 Street Overlay Program is planned to cover about 45 miles of streets, and a construction contract should be in place this summer. Work is expected to begin this fall.



Sidewalks to Parks: Construction will be underway this fall to complete a missing three-block section of the trail connecting Fairmount to Fairmount Park. This section is mostly along Arlington Street.

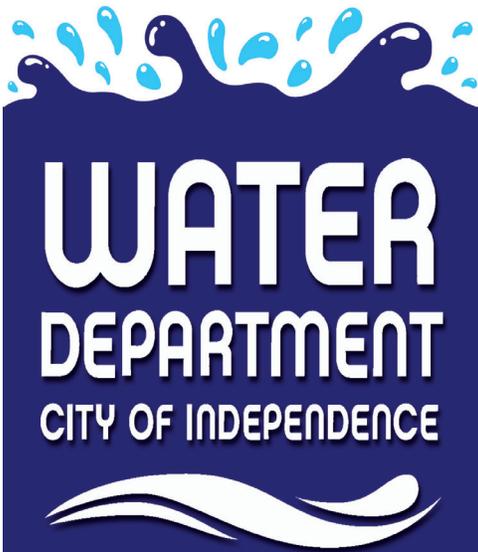


Truman Road Sidewalks: Visitors to The Square will enjoy walking along new sidewalks along the south side of Truman Road between Osage and Noland Road by the end of the summer. New curbs are also being added along Truman Road. Construction is scheduled to be completed this summer.

To view the most recent report by the Street Sales Tax Oversight Committee, go to the City's website at <http://www.ci.independence.mo.us/AgendaListing> and click on the committee name.

To report a pothole, call the hotline at (816) 325-7624. For information about street projects in Independence, contact the Public Works Department at (816) 325-7600.





2014 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2014 Water Quality Report is available for your review on the City's website. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

To request a paper copy of this report call (816) 325-7698

www.independencemo.org/ccr

Pioneering People

Visitors to The Square will have something new to see this summer: Pioneering People.

Each Saturday, through October, come back to the past and experience a wagon train departure from The Square at 10 and 11 a.m., and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Visitors and People of the Past (Independence, 1849) will say their goodbyes to two wagons bound for the "gold fields of California."

The wagon train will travel to the National Frontier Trails Museum, with a narration on wagons, mechanics and animals necessary for the trek west.

On the half hour, the wagons return from the Museum to The Square. The return narration will focus on the Santa Fe Trail.

Throughout the day (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.), visitors will have the opportunity to meet and talk to historical interpreters by the Historic Jackson County Truman Courthouse; at the 1827 Log Courthouse, 107 W. Kansas; and at the National Frontier Trails Museum.

The 3:30 p.m. wagon trip back to The Square will become part of a wagon train arriving on The Square at 4 p.m. Visitors and People of the Past will be gathered to welcome the travelers.

Come experience history in a new way!

Play In The Sun Safely This Summer

Summer is here, which means spending more time outside and more exposure to the sun. Take precautions!

The ultraviolet radiation in the sun's warm rays can cause sunburn, skin damage, skin aging and skin cancer. The two types of radiation causing most damage are ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB).

The first line of defense, and the most important step to take, is to always use sunscreen. The best choice for full sun protection is a "broad-spectrum" sunscreen, which protects against both UVA and UVB radiation.

Also consider the sun protection factor (SPF). This number refers to the amount of time you can stay in the sun without getting sunburned, in theory. Most sunscreens with an SPF of 15 or higher do an excellent job of protecting against UVB. However, depending on your skin type, you may need a much higher SPF.

Remember to check the water resistance factor of your sunscreen. If you will be spending time in the water, or exercising outside, use a sunscreen resistant to water and sweat. These sunscreens are not waterproof, so it is necessary to apply correctly and reapply regularly – at least every two hours.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a complete sun protection program including not only sunscreen use, but also seeking shade, covering up with lightweight clothing, staying well hydrated, and wearing wide-brimmed hats as well as UV-blocking sunglasses.

It is also best to avoid direct sunlight during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember, even if it's cloudy, UVA and UVB rays can still cause sunburn and skin damage.

Because it can take hours for symptoms to develop, keep a close watch for sunburn. If you feel the tingling of a burn or see any sign of skin reddening on yourself or your child, get out of the sun right away and cool down. Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration and keep your skin moisturized.

Take extra care and don't let a sunburn ruin your summer fun.

Discount Tire Coming to Independence

Construction of a Discount Tire store has begun at the former Ryan's Family Steak House location on 23rd Street. The plans call for demolition of the restaurant and building a three-bay 7,373 sq. ft. masonry building in its place. New landscaping and greenspace, along with new signage, will add a new look to the store location just west of Lee's Summit Road.

The Discount Tire company started in 1960 in

Ann Arbor, MI and has grown to become the world's largest independent tire and wheel retailer. It provides a variety of tire and wheel products and services in more than 900 stores in 28 states. The company website enables customers to



The former Ryan's restaurant location on 23rd St. is becoming a Discount Tire.

locate a store, search for and select tires and wheels for their vehicles, schedule appointments for installation, register for email discounts and gain access to safety tips and other helpful information. In addition, an Interactive Wheel System allows customers to visualize wheels on their vehicle prior to purchase.

The new Independence Discount Tire will be the fifth location in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The other stores are located in Liberty, Kansas City, and Belton in Missouri, and in Olathe, KS.

For questions about new construction projects in Independence, contact David Lehman in the Community Development Department at (816) 325-7403.

July Events Bring Fun In The Summer Sun

Summer brings warm weather, sunshine and an abundance of free activities for the whole family.

Happy Birthday, America! Celebrate Independence Day on **Saturday, July 4** as kids decorate their wagons, scooters and bikes for the children's parade. The parade starts lining up at 9:30 a.m. at 23rd and Main, then heads north on Main to The Square. Dress in your finest patriotic clothes and join the fun.

That evening, enjoy a free concert at 7 p.m. by the Brett Family from Branson, MO at the Community of Christ Auditorium, 1001 W. Walnut. The Brett Family provides an action-packed, high-energy show which incorporates singing, dancing, comedy, and live music.



Celebrate July 4th with a free concert by the Brett Family.

With the theme of patriotism, family values, and wholesome entertainment, people of all generations will enjoy the show. Seating will begin at 6:15 p.m., with a pre-show by the "Spirit of Independence Band" at 6:30 p.m.

Follow the concert with the spectacular fireworks display at the Mormon Visitors Center, 437 W. Walnut. Bring your blankets or chairs and claim your viewing spot early – parking is limited.

There's no excuse for missing Popsicles in the Park with three opportunities in July! Kids ages 2-10 will be entertained and enjoy a cool treat for free from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 7** in St. Clair Park, 433 S. Farley Ave; on **Tuesday, July 14** in Country Club Park, 2930 S. Norton Ave.; and on **Tuesday, July 21** in George Owens Nature Park, 1601 S. Speck Rd.

Toddler Town on Tour is another free event for ages 2-8 every **Wednesday** in July from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Have a great time as the kids explore a different play-ground each week and create a simple craft project: **July 1**, Fairmount Park, 300 N. Home Ave.; **July 8**, Adventure Oasis Water Park, 2100 S. Hub Dr. (bring a towel); **July 15**, Beckett Park, 2701 S. Cherokee St.; **July 22**, Waterfall Park, 4501 S. Bass Pro Drive; and **July 29**, Country Club

Park, 2930 S. Norton Ave.

Family fun times continue with free Moonlight Movies at 9 p.m. **Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30** in the Pharaoh Theater parking lot (corner of Maple & Liberty Streets) on The Square. You can bring your own chairs or rent one for just \$1. Inclement weather moves the showing to the following Sunday night. Visit www.freemoonlightmovies.com for details.

Don't miss the Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest before the free movie on The Square **Thursday, July 16**. The event starts at 7 p.m. and benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs. Held in the Pharaoh Theatre parking lot, there will be prizes and fun for the whole family. Come out and watch the action!

Looking for more outdoor fun? Enjoy the 28th Annual Bingham-Waggoner Antique & Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, July 11**. Admission to the fair is free. Visit more than 100 antique dealers and crafters on the beautiful grounds of the Estate, 313 W. Pacific. Original crafts, outstanding collectibles and plenty of fun, funky repurposed items will be available for purchase.

The Spirit of Independence Band will play at noon, and tours will be available from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (regular admission). Concession stands will offer Polish sausages, hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as "Walking Tacos." Share a bag of kettle corn, or some icy lemonade and homemade cookies while you stroll around, or enjoy the shade under a nearby tree. For details, call (816) 461-3491.

For more old-time entertainment on **Saturday, July 11**, step across the street for "Family Fun Day: Pioneer Living" at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. From 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. you can interact with spinners, weavers, tinsmiths, blacksmiths, basket makers, quilters, Missouri Town dancers and other artisans. Kids can make period crafts, help weave a rug, pan for "gold" and play in a pioneer kitchen. All outside events are free. Children may tour the museum and inside activities for half price with a paid adult admission.

Take a break from the summer sun and visit the Puppetry Arts Institute, 11025



Enjoy City Mouse/Country Mouse at the Puppetry Arts Institute

E. Winner Road, for the Bohemian marionette puppet show "City Mouse/Country Mouse." Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on

Saturday, July 25; tickets just \$5. Watch the story unfold as two little mice who each think their life is bad visit each other – and are both faced with challenges. Call (816) 833-9777 or visit www.hazelle.org.

For a change of pace and a special treat this summer, you can see the free play "Frontiers" on the grounds of the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. The play, presented at 7 p.m. on **Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1**, follows approximately 30 pioneer women in Missouri and Kansas as the fever of westward expansion finds them facing the challenges of life on the prairie.

Their quiet power and tenacity as they battle drought, grasshoppers, tornadoes, illness and isolation reveals their inspiring mixture of ferocity, humor, and resignation. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The play is one hour and 20 minutes long, with a 10-minute intermission. Call the Museum at (816) 325-7575 for more information.

For information on City-sponsored events, check the calendar of events on the website at www.independencemo.org or call the Tourism Department at 816-325-7111.



Bargains abound at the 28th Annual Antique & Craft Fair.



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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
 Country Club Park

Little Blue Route
 and Church Mile
 Join us as we walk a mile, every Wednesday at 9 am, May-Oct. Find out where and when at: 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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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.

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 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: \$20 for TVs 27" and smaller and \$40 for larger TVs. All other items are free of charge, including computer monitors.

CITY COUNCIL

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- City Council Office** 325-7022
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- Curt Dougherty District 2
- Scott Roberson District 3
- Tom Van Camp District 4
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- Chris Whiting At-Large
- City Manager**
- Robert Heacock 325-7170

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 10 a.m. Tuesdays
 7 p.m. Wednesdays
 2 p.m. Sundays

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