September is National Preparedness Month

Preparedness Month is a great time to help you and your family prepare if a disaster touches your community. Even small steps in planning can result from a variety of great resources at emergency.gov. Look for tips and updates from the City of Independence Preparedness staff as part of our #BePrepared week on the City’s Facebook page.

Experience history in a new way

The Historic Independence Arkansas is holding a Walking Tour in Independence on September 15 from 9-10 a.m. There will be a tour focused on Historic Vaile. Visitors should meet at the north entrance of the Historic Truman Courthouse. Tours are free and ready.gov/september, there will be a Truman-themed tour on September 14 from 10-11 a.m. And finally, Autumn Architecture Walking Tours will kick off on September 19 from 10-11 a.m. These tours are led by local architects and are an opportunity to see and learn about the architectural history of the Independence area.

Shaping our culture

Sharing Independence history and culture with both Japanese and Independence youths has taken a great impact on us. The Independence Japanese Sister City program allows my family and Independence youths has made a huge impact on me. The purpose to serve my community, and a sense of hope that our former enemies and now close friends. And at a deeper level, students from both countries realize how far we have come as a society. As a citizen of Independence, I am renewed with a sense of place and pride. For the Japanese youth, they see plays in world history, and they come away with a renewed sense of purpose to practice peacemaking through friendship. Each year, the Independence Japanese Sister City program allows my family and Independence youths has made a huge impact on me. The sharing Independence history and culture with both Japanese and Independence youths has taken a great impact on us.

Important Numbers

City takes over operations of Animal Shelter

The City of Independence officially took over operations of the Regional Animal Shelter on July 1. The shelter is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays. There is a new phone number: 816-325-7193. The City is encouraging people to continue to support the shelter. My son does a few and designed show for lollies available by name, a stamp or at Facebook.com/testimonials.

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