



City takes over operations of Animal Shelter

The City of Independence officially took over operations of the Regional Animal Shelter on July 15. The shelter is open for adoptions from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There is a new phone number for the shelter, (816)325-7207. Here, Fire Captain Mykael Ann Jones and Sergeant Howe hold kittens available for adoption. Learn more on Facebook at facebook.com/IndependenceAnimalServices.



September is National Preparedness Month

Ready.gov has a variety of resources and information available this month to help you and your family prepare for emergencies. From a family evacuation plan to financial planning, you'll find a variety of great resources at ready.gov/september. Look for tips and updates from the City's Division of Emergency Preparedness all month as part of our #FireFriday video series on the City's [Facebook](#) page.



Experience history in a new way

The Second Saturday Autumn Architecture Walking Tours will kick off with a Truman-themed tour on September 14 from 10-11 a.m. There will be a walk focused on Historic Churches on October 12 from 10-11 a.m. And finally, Bungalows on November 9

from 10-11 a.m. Participants are asked to meet at the north entrance of the Historic Truman Courthouse. Tours are free and will take place rain or shine. The routes are less than one mile but participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes. See you soon!



Sharing our culture

Sharing Independence history and culture with both Japanese and Independence youths has made a huge impact on me. The Independence Japanese Sister City program allows my family to practice peacemaking through friendship. Each year, students from both countries realize how far we have come as former enemies and now close friends. And at a deeper level, they realize the power of friendship to open the heart and mind to new possibilities for themselves and for their community. For the Independence youths, they see how big Independence plays in world history, and they come away with a renewed sense of place and pride. For the Japanese youth, they see behind the myths and assumptions to find Independence as a place with friendly people who welcome them with open arms. As a citizen of Independence, I am renewed with a sense of purpose to serve my community, and a sense of hope that our youth are on the right track and will take care of our legacy. – Submitted by Jeannae Segura-Brown

If you would like to share your Independence story, visit indep.us/myindependence. #IndependenceMO #AGreatAmericanStory

September Events

Uptown Flea Market, Sat., Sept. 8

The Independence Uptown Flea Market meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The flea market is indoors during the cooler months and outdoors during the summer months. There is no entry fee for shoppers.

Drop-off Depot, Sat., Sept. 14

The City's Drop-Off Depot will be open on Saturday, Sept. 14, weather permitting. The Drop-Off Depot is open the second Saturday of each month April-October at 875 Vista Ave. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For updated pricing and other information, visit indep.us/dropoffdepot.

Arboretum Scavenger Hunt, Sept. 14

The Vaile Victorian Society and the Independence Tree Commission are sponsoring an arboretum scavenger hunt on Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Historic Vaile Mansion. Register with Charlotte Olejko at (816) 797-8711. Free, but donations will be accepted.

Farmers Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Join us on from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the Farmers Market at the Independence Uptown Market, 210 W Truman Rd.

Little Princess Ball, October 5

Princesses ages 4-10 are invited to attend the Little Princess Ball on Saturday, October 5, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Truman Memorial Building (416 W. Maple Ave). Cost is \$30 per couple, \$15 each additional participant. Registration deadline is 8 p.m., October 1. Space is limited, so register early. Register at (816) 325-7843.

Important Numbers

- Crime Stoppers Tips 474-8477
- Drop-Off Depot/Trash 325-7600
- Municipal Court 325-7230
- Police NonEmergency 325-7300
- Fire NonEmergency 325-7123
- Report Power Outage 325-7550
- Utilities Customer Service 325-7930
- Weeds, Trash 325-7193



Questions? Contact mlewis@indepmo.org.

Share this email:



Manage your preferences | Opt out using TrueRemove®
Got this as a forward? Sign up to receive our future emails.
View this email [online](#).

111 E. Maple Ave
Independence, MO | 64500 US

This email was sent to .
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.