

2021 National Preparedness Month
Prepare to Protect

WEEK	Activity
1	Make a Plan Sep 1-4
2	Build a Kit Sep 5-11
3	Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness Sep 12-18
4	Teach Youth About Preparedness Sep 19-25

Celebrate National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.” [Learn more at ready.gov/september](https://www.ready.gov/september).



Independence Uncorked returns to grounds of historic Bingham-Waggoner Estate

The 8th Annual Independence Uncorked Wine Festival will be held on September 11 from 1-6 p.m. on the grounds of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate in Independence, MO.

Independence Uncorked will be one of the largest Missouri wine festivals in the state featuring 25 Missouri wineries sampling several of their wines, a guest spirits distiller, and over 2500 attendees. The day will also feature art, music, beer, food booths and wine classes.

The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Eastern Independence and presented by Edward Jones representatives: **Megan Hammer** * **Drew Hammer** * **Doug Hammer** * **Craig Bolger** * **Matt Flax** * **Bill Hudson** * **Laura Hudson** * **Adam Kliethermes** * **Rebecca Knepper** * **Michael Rowe**.

The cost will be \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door and will include a wine glass and 4 bottle wine bag (for 1st 2000 people).

The Bingham-Waggoner Estate is an 1852 mansion and estate once owned by George Caleb Bingham, the famous Missouri artist. Proceeds from the events will go towards various national and local charities supported by Rotary. This year's charity of choice is Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity.

Bring your lawn chairs and spend the afternoon. No outside food or drink allowed, but food will be available for sale.

For more information go to www.IndependenceUncorked.com.

September Events

Farmers Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Join us from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the Farmers Market at the Independence Uptown Market, 210 W Truman Rd.

Hummingbird Festival, September 9th - 11th

Ruby-throated hummingbirds pass through here during their fall migration, attracted by our wildflowers and abundant feeders at the George Owen Nature Park, 1601 S Speck Rd. Come out and enjoy from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily.

Drop-off Depot, Sat., Sept. 11, 8 AM-3PM

The August Drop-off Depot will take place on Sat., Sept. 11 from 8AM-3PM at 875 Vista Ave. Masks are required. Find the full list of what is accepted and costs at indep.us/dropoffdepot.

9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial, Sat., Sept. 11, 8:45 AM-2PM

On September 11 the Youth Court Attorneys and adult volunteers will gather at the Historic Truman Courthouse on the Independence Square. Volunteers will participate in an approximate 90-minute 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial. This memorial, first of its kind, will include the readings of 102 victim names along with biographical information about each one. [Learn more here](http://indep.us/911).



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

SECOND SATURDAY AUTUMN ARCHITECTURE TOURS

Presented by the Independence Heritage Commission

Second Saturday Autumn Architecture Tours

The Independence Heritage Commission is pleased to announce the return of its annual Second Saturday Autumn Architecture Tours. Tours are free to the public and start at 10 a.m. Tours will begin in front of the National Park Service Truman Visitors and Ticketing Center at 223 N. Main St.

In celebration of Missouri's bicentennial, this year's topics are:

- “A Look Back at Independence: 1921” on September 11
- “Independence Square Merchants of the 1840s” on October 9
- “Urban Renewal and its Impacts on our Built Environment” on November 13.

Walking tour routes will be less than two miles, but good walking shoes are recommended. Tours are held rain or shine.

Concern to report?

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Community Solar Farm Program

The City of Independence Community Solar Farm is a centrally



located solar photovoltaic (PV) system that converts sunlight into electricity for use by residential, industrial, and commercial consumers. The farms are located at 24451 E Bundschu Road and the old Rockwood Golf Course. The public power business model, such as that of the City of Independence Utilities, which is shaped around local control and prioritizing customer needs, supports innovative and effective approaches to further the growth of solar.

The growing use of solar energy for electricity generation offers many benefits to customers and utilities. The City of Independence Utilities customers are allowed to subscribe to the solar farm. When customers subscribe it allows them to control their current utility costs by freezing their current rates. The community solar farm also gives customers the ability to be part of renewable energy without the capital expense of installing their own solar panels. There is no equipment for customers to install or maintain and still gives customers the opportunity to be part of green initiatives.

Use of solar energy helps to improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contain the need to build new power plants and transmission lines.

For more information or to subscribe to the Independence Community Solar initiative please see <http://www.ci.independence.mo.us/pl/CommunitySolar>, contact Jennifer Newbold at 816-325-7485, or email communitysolar@indepmo.org.

Celebrate SantaCaliGon safely

Each Labor Day Weekend Independence welcomes thousands of visitors for the annual SantaCaliGon Festival. Here are a few reminders to help keep everyone safe:

1. Please do not leave valuables unattended in your vehicle during the festival.
2. You can find the Medical Tent at the corner of Kansas and Liberty.
3. In the event of an emergency, please know three exits from your location.
4. Please drink responsibly, and make sure you have a safe way home.

Look for more info on the new digital signs located at the Uptown Market and the City Hall for information throughout the Festival.

SantaCATSiGon!

SantaCaliGon Adoption Special

August 27 - September 6

Adult Cats: \$25
Kittens: \$50

INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI ANIMAL SERVICES

VIP WRISTBAND GIVEAWAY

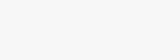
The first 50 people to get vaccinated during the Santacaligon Festival will receive a FREE VIP Wristband!

The VIP wristbands get you into the VIP area at the Main Stage for each night of entertainment (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) and can be given to a friend if you are unable to attend all three nights. The wristbands will get you in close proximity to the stage, however, please note, seating in that area is first come, first serve.



Questions? Contact mlewis@indepmo.org.

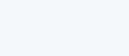
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