

Walk where Truman Walked. Live where Truman Lived.

**Join Us in Celebrating the Recent Expansion of the
Harry S Truman National Historic Landmark District**



Event Guide

Saturday, November 12, 2011

**Independence Square
Main & Maple
Independence, Missouri**

Harry S Truman District, A National Historic Landmark

1971-2011 40th Anniversary Celebration

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Schedule of Events

11 am	Kick Off/Welcoming Remarks	Main & Maple
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders• Councilmember Marcie Gragg, First District, Independence• Barbara Potts, former Independence Mayor• Jeff Wade, Park Ranger, National Parks Service	
11 am – 1 pm	Tour Historic First Presbyterian Church	Maple & Pleasant
11 am – 3 pm	Visit the Historic Truman Courtroom	Main & Maple
11 am – 3 pm	Open Houses	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sneak Peek – a look into real life in the District• For Sale – find a home to buy in the District	
11 am – 3 pm	Self-Guided Tours	
11:30 am	Guided Tour of the Historic Independence Square	Main & Maple
1 pm – 3 pm	Concurrent Workshops at Westminster Hall	Lexington & Pleasant
1:30 pm	Guided Tour of the Historic Independence Square	Main & Maple
3:30 pm	TRUMAN, the HBO Movie	Pharaoh Theater
6 pm – 7 pm	Community Celebration	Diamond Bowl

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Walking Tours

National Parks Service Tours

11:30 am	Guided Walking Tour	Historic Independence Square
1:30 pm	Guided Walking Tour	Historic Independence Square

Mobile/Cell Phone Tours



Harry S Truman National Historic Site offers cell phone audio tours of the historic site and surrounding areas.

[*Around the Corner from the Truman Home*](#) gives visitors the chance to see several structures important to Truman throughout his private life and starts at the Truman home in Independence.

[*The Political Education of Harry Truman*](#) starts at the Truman statue on the Independence town square and takes visitors past several buildings that were significant in Truman's early political years.

The audio tours provide visitors with another option to learn more about Harry Truman, both as an individual and as a president. The cell phone program is provided by OnCell Systems of Pittsford, New York and calls to this number,

(585)672-2611, are free except for air time on your cell phone. Visitors using the program can also leave comments about the tour with their cell phone.



Have a Smartphone? We also have QR codes for your tour, which can be scanned by using a smartphone scanner app. Visitors carrying Smartphones can simply scan the QR code and stream the park's OnCell Tour. The QR Tour links to OnCell's Mobile Web Site, which features Harry S Truman National Historic Site's interpretive content and more.

Truman Historic Walking Tour

No one liked a good walk better than Independence's own Harry Truman.

Follow the steps of the 33rd President through the neighborhood he called home.



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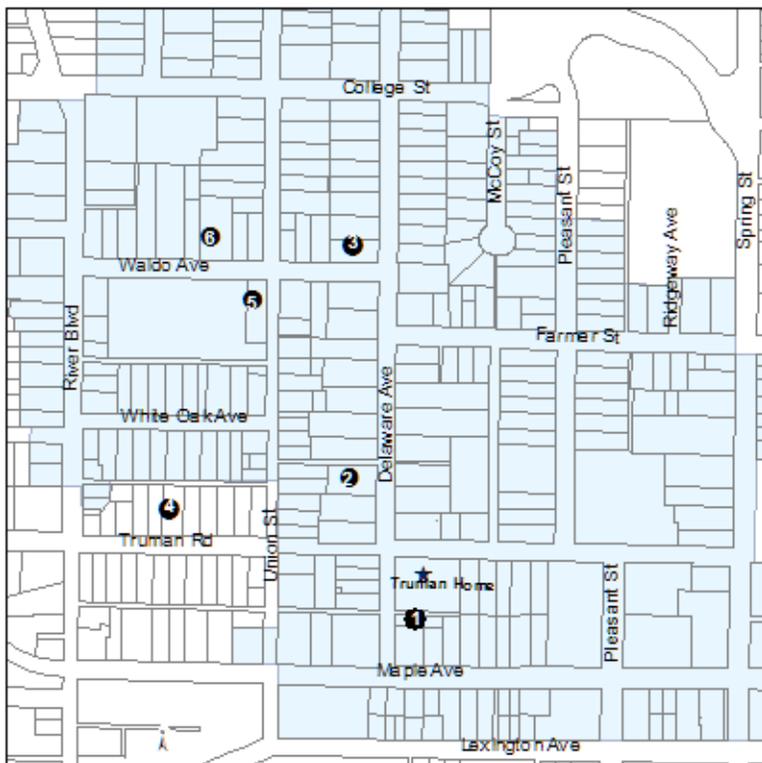
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Sneak Peek Open Houses

11 am – 3 pm

Take a look into how a modern family lives in a National Historic Landmark. The following properties are open for a sneak peek:

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| 1. Chris and Sage Drake | 211 N. Delaware |
| 2. Tim and Jennifer Grove | 318 N. Delaware |
| 3. Terry and Ellen Morris | 602 N. Delaware |
| 4. Greg and Cathy Neubaugh | 826 W. Truman* (not in the NHL) |
| 5. Brent Schondelmeyer and Lee Williams | 803 W. Waldo |
| 6. Jim and Sharon Hannah | 810 W. Waldo |



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Realtor Open Houses

11 am – 3 pm

Live where Truman lived - take a tour of homes for sale in and around the district:

1. 813 N. Union
2. 211 N. Delaware
3. 622 W. Lexington
4. 909 W. Waldo
5. 127 E. Kansas
6. 411 N. Eubank

Harry S Truman Office and Courtroom

11 am – 3 pm

The **Harry S Truman Office and Courtroom** is located in the 1933 Jackson County Courthouse on the historic Independence Square operated by the Jackson County Historical Society's Archives and Research Library. *Please note there are no restrooms in the facility, there is no wheelchair access to this end of the building; visitors will only have access to these two historic rooms in the Courthouse.*

Tour the office and courtroom used by Mr. Truman in his early years of elected politics...in the years before he became a U.S. Senator...before he became the 33rd President of the United States. Enjoy a 30-minute audio-visual program, *The Man From Independence*, about the life of Mr. Truman, and his hometown.

First Presbyterian Church

11 am – 1 pm

In 1913, the Liberty Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church (established in 1826) and the First Presbyterian Church (established in 1841) merged. Harry Truman attended Sunday School and met Bess Wallace here.

The present building was erected in 1888. First Presbyterian Church was the only church included in the original Harry S. Truman Historical District. The church is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is site No. 19 in the American Presbyterian/Reformed Historic Sites Registry.



100 N. Pleasant

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Concurrent Workshops

Westminster Hall

Pleasant & Lexington

Time	Architecture	Tax Credits	History
1 - 2 pm	<p>Period Color Schemes</p> <hr/> <p>What are the “right” colors to paint your house or commercial property? This is a workshop led by Paul Helmer who has worked with several homeowners in the expanded Truman District on color selection for their house.</p> <p>The workshop will show examples from the neighborhood.</p> <hr/> <p>Paul Helmer</p> <hr/> <p><i>Helmer is owner of Touch of Distinction, a Kansas City business that specializes in working with historic properties.</i></p> <hr/>	<p>Historic Preservation Tax Credits: What are They and How do you Use Them?</p> <hr/> <p>Expansion of the Truman National Historic Landmark District makes historic preservation tax credits available to many residential and commercial properties. Vincent Gauthier will provide the basics. Gauthier successfully redeveloped Maple Ave. using preservation tax credits and other economic development tools. The project won an international design award.</p> <hr/> <p>Vincent Gauthier</p> <hr/> <p><i>Gauthier is President at Urban Realty Interests, Inc. and an Adjunct Professor at UMKC School of Architecture, Urban Planning & Design</i></p> <hr/>	<p>Why is this neighborhood historically significant?</p> <hr/> <p>Jon Taylor is among the newer generation Truman historians and scholars. Previously Taylor was the historian for the Truman National Park Service site before pursuing his doctorate degree.</p> <p>He is the author of two Truman-related books <i>A President, a Church and the Trails West</i> and <i>Truman’s Grandview Farm</i>. The first book recounts efforts to protect and preserve the Truman neighborhood.</p> <hr/> <p>Jon Taylor</p> <hr/> <p><i>Taylor is on the faculty of Central Missouri State University and a member of the History and Anthropology Department.</i></p> <hr/>
2 - 3 pm	<p>Period Landscape Design</p> <hr/> <p>What is the proper way to think about landscaping for older homes? Helmer will offer ideas including some landscape plans from work he has done in the neighborhood.</p> <hr/> <p>Paul Helmer</p> <hr/>		

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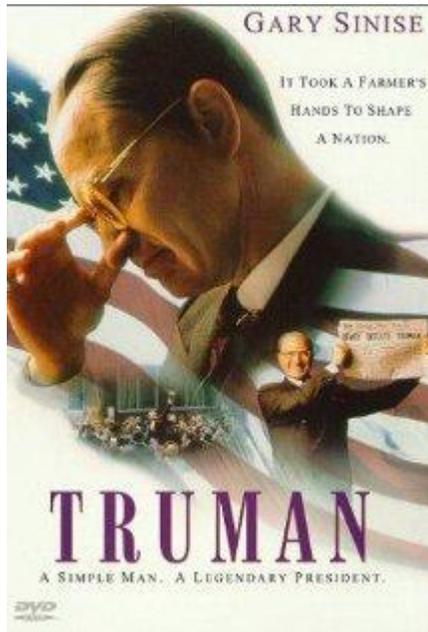
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3:30 pm Pharaoh Theater

114 W Maple

Truman – A Simple Man. A Legendary President.



Storyline

Biographical account of America's President for the latter part of WWII. Shows Truman's rise from small-town nobody to leader of the USA, his decision to use the Atomic Bomb against Japan, and subsequent election as the US' post-war President. *Written by [Rob Hartill](#)*

Details

Release Date: 9 September 1995

Filming Locations: Independence, Missouri

Company Credits

Production Co: Home Box Office (HBO), Spring Creek Productions

Special Thanks

Pharaoh Theater: Ken & Cindy McClain

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Nomination Summary

The Harry S Truman Historic District received National Historic Landmark designation on Veterans' Day, November 11, 1971, for association with the thirty-third president of the United States, for the period 1919 to 1971. The district was designated under NHL criterion 2, properties that are associated importantly with the lives of persons nationally significant in the history of the United States, for the NHL Theme, "Political and Military Affairs," and sub-theme "The American Presidency." These correspond to the updated NHL theme, "Shaping the Political Landscape," per the revised National Park Service Thematic Framework. Harry Truman served as President of the United States from 1945 to 1953. Previously, Truman served as Vice President during the final months of Franklin Roosevelt's administration (1945) and as U.S. Senator from Missouri (1935-1944). Truman's public life required temporary residence in Washington, D.C., but his home, family, friends, and all things central to his life remained in Independence, Missouri. He grew up in this small Midwestern city, living here during his childhood and throughout much of his adult life from the time of his marriage to Bess Wallace in 1919 to his death in 1972.

Independence and its people directly influenced Harry Truman and it provides the best representation of his life and political career. The original NHL nomination, written in 1971, referred to it as "the setting which has been the physical nucleus of both his personal and his long and influential political life." The initial designation of the Harry S Truman Historic District concentrated on the linear axis of North Delaware Street, with the primary district resources contained within a residential area extending from the Truman Home to the southern edge of the Harry S Truman Library and Museum with a rather vague period of significance extending from, "1919 to the present." Contributing resources were not differentiated from others within this area. Additional resources having direct association with Truman were discussed in the documentation, but were excluded from the district boundaries. The district boundaries also excluded a portion of Independence that is directly associated with Truman's early business career, his maturation as a presiding county judge, service as a U.S. Senator, and period of retirement as former president and elderly statesman.

This revised nomination clearly identifies resources that contribute to the national significance of the Truman district and provides architectural descriptions and historical information for each property within the 153-acre district. It also improves upon the initial 1971 nomination by offering greater detail about Harry Truman and his life in Independence and increasing the size of the district to better illustrate President Truman's direct association with a wider range of historic properties in Independence. First, this nomination identifies contributing and non-contributing resources within the Harry S Truman Historic District and confirms the period of significance to be 1919 to 1971, the completion date of the original documentation. Secondly, this documentation increases the district boundaries to include resources that were omitted from the initial NHL designation, including some that were named in the original documentation but not included within its boundary and others that were simply overlooked. The areas of significance associated with these resources continue to be those identified in the original documentation, "Political and Military Affairs: The American Presidency," along with the revised theme, "Shaping the Political Landscape." The Truman Historic District exemplifies this theme because of its intimate association with President Harry Truman, the development of his political career, tenure as U.S. Senator, Vice President, and President of the United States, and retirement as an elder statesman.

Unlike most twentieth century American Presidents, Harry Truman retained a life-long association with his hometown and he returned to it upon his retirement from public office. As the initial NHL nomination stated in 1971, "Today the flavor of the district is still very much that of Truman's active political life and even of earlier years, when the neighborhood nurtured a future President." Independence, Missouri, provided the backdrop for his maturation as a plainspoken Midwesterner, kept Truman grounded in basic American ideals, shaped his memory as effective President and elder statesman, and continues to this day to provide a forum for those who seek a platform for espousing democratic ideals. Independence serves as a mecca for those who continue to invoke Harry Truman's name, spirit, and legacy.