



INDEPENDENCE  
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# MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

## NOVEMBER 2019

### Dear City Council and Citizens,

This month we are excited to implement our new AVL or automatic vehicle locator technology on our snow plows and trucks. While I think we can all agree October was too soon for snow, we were ready to actively test this new system which allows us to not only track where our trucks have been but how they treated the roads in those areas. This is a major step forward for our crews which had been forced to memorize or stop and reference large paper maps while on their routes. Independence for All challenges us to optimize resources and control long-term costs. This system cost approximately \$40,000 but will help us more effectively and efficiently use our resources, employees' time and, most importantly, improve the safety of driving conditions for the public and our employees..

As part of this update, we have also recategorized our roads decreasing from four to three levels - Priority, Secondary and Residential. This change clarifies levels for crews, and hopefully residents as well. You can find the map which will eventually show regular updates of where our crews are in a snow event and a detailed overview of the different street levels at [indep.us/snowremoval](http://indep.us/snowremoval).

While we are excited about these changes we do ask for your patience as crews adjust to this new system. We consider this entire winter season our beta test and will make tweaks throughout. You can find a great video about all of these changes and how we prepare for the winter season here, <https://youtu.be/IK8KqlvFYgc>.

Sincerely,

Zach Walker  
City Manager  
City of Independence

# IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

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## **NOVEMBER 4 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council will meet for a Council Meeting at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

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## **NOVEMBER 5 - HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall.

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## **NOVEMBER 6 - PUBLIC HEARING**

The Advisory Board of Health and Animal Welfare Committee are holding a public meeting regarding breed specific language in city codes at the Independence Utilities Center, 17221 E. 23rd St. S.

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## **NOVEMBER 11 - VETERAN'S DAY**

City Offices will be closed.

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## **NOVEMBER 12 - COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

The Council will meet for a regularly scheduled study session at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

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## **NOVEMBER 18 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council will meet for a Council Meeting at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

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## **NOVEMBER 21 - PUAB MEETING**

2:30 PM at the Independence Utilities Center, 17221 E 23rd St. S.

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## **NOVEMBER 25 - CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

The Council will meet for a regularly scheduled study session at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

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## **NOVEMBER 27 - MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

7:30 AM at the The Laurel Club located in the Community of Christ Auditorium (Lower Level), 1001 Walnut Street. Please RSVP and purchase tickets via Kim Osborne at [kosborne@indepmo.org](mailto:kosborne@indepmo.org).

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## **NOVEMBER 28-29 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

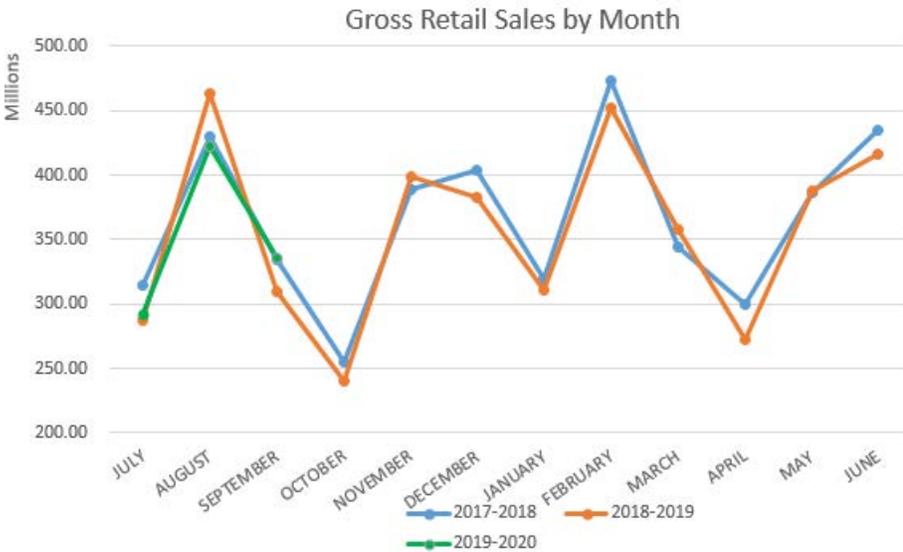
City Offices will be closed.

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## **LOOKING FOR MORE MEETINGS OR EVENTS?**

You can find a variety of events, programs and classes on the City's website at [indep.us/events](http://indep.us/events) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/CityOfIndependence](https://facebook.com/CityOfIndependence).

# SEPTEMBER BY THE NUMBERS



## SALES TAX RECEIPTS THRU SEPTEMBER 2019

FUND	2020 FY YTD
General	\$4,337,806.88
Streets	\$2,070,873.51
Parks	\$1,035,438.70
Storm	\$1,035,438.79
Police	\$546,825.14
Fire	\$517,719.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,544,103</b>

BUILDING PERMITS	Month	Year-to-date	Sept. 2019 Valuation	Year-to-date
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Permits   Units</b>	<b>Permits   Units</b>		
Single Family	10	75	\$1,756,040	\$15,385,429
Duplex Units	4	18	\$524,000	\$2,782,000
3&4 Family	0	0	\$0	\$0
Apartments	0   0	5   280	\$0	\$36,596,000
Additions, Alterations, Misc. *	98	711	\$1,164,553	\$7,933,513
<b>Subtotal Residential</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>\$3,444,593</b>	<b>\$62,696,942</b>
<b>Commercial</b>				
New Commercial Building	2	12	\$1,467,847	\$12,521,925
Additions, alterations, tenant finish	4	64	\$2,445,800	\$20,297,588
Signs, Misc. **	29	299	\$628,461	\$4,854,492
<b>Subtotal Commercial</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>\$4,542,108</b>	<b>\$37,674,005</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>\$7,986,701</b>	<b>\$100,370,947</b>

\* Includes re-roofs, pools, detached accessory buildings, demolitions and structural modifications such as decks, remodels and room or garage additions.

\*\* Includes fuel storage, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, hood suppression, tent, cell tower and fences.

BUSINESS LICENSING	Sept. 2019	Year-to-date
New applications received	136	1,182
Renewals	527	4,312
<b>Total applications</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>5,494</b>
<b>Payments received</b>	<b>\$95,755.43</b>	<b>\$1,486,002.37</b>

# SEPTEMBER 2019 BY THE NUMBERS



Police responded to 7,861 calls for service, including 1,091 traffic stops and 553 disturbance calls.

Fire responded to 1,977 calls for service, including 1,238 emergency medical calls and 12 structure fires.



More than 41,000 people visited venues across the City including:

- 16,550 at the Uptown Market
- 8,617 at the Sermon Center
- 5,867 at the Palmer Center
- 4,943 at the Silverstein Eye Centers Arena
- 1,018 at the Community Ice Rink



WELCOME



823.31 million gallons pumped to customers - enough to fill roughly 1,247 Olympic Pools.

Treated 301.3 million gallons of wastewater treated - approximately 188.3 million toilet flushes



103,903,000 kWhs of electricity provided to our customers

The Regional Animal Shelter:

- Took in 269 animals
- Adopted out 112 animals
- Returned 49 animals

Thank you to the 177 volunteers working to make this possible!



Crews filled 650 potholes  
Addressed 135 traffic sign work order requests  
Completed 25 linear miles of street stripping

Citizens initiated 687 of 738 codes compliance cases started this month

Codes Compliance Officers completed 1,370 inspections

Completed 50 abatements, 460 so far this year.



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Notable Projects Submitted during September

Centerpoint Medical Center submitted construction plans for a 2,852 square-foot Cath Lab Addition inside Centerpoint Medical Center at 19600 E. 39th Street.

Dunkin Donuts submitted construction plans for a new 7,675 square-foot building that will house a new Dunkin Donuts location and three additional tenant spaces at 17701 E. 39th Street.

Right Way Auto submitted construction plans for a new 3,139 square-foot building at 3237 S. Noland Road.

Fresenius Medical Care submitted construction plans to renovate the existing 5,578 square-foot building at 1135 S. Claremont Ave.

### Notable projects issued in September

Independence Health Retreat has been issued a building permit to construct a new 62,695 square-foot facility at 20511 E Trinity Place.

M-Barq Reinforcing has been issued a building permit to construct a new 2,380 square-foot office building at 18575 E. 37th Terrace.

Public Storage has been issued a building permit for a 104,406 square-foot climate controlled self-storage building with rental office at 13620 E. 42nd Terrace.

Ronson Manufacturing has been issued a building permit to renovate the 135,474 square-foot former K Mart building at 16200 E. US 24 Highway.

HyVee has been issued a building permit to renovate 4,600 square-feet within the grocery store at 4545 S. Noland Road.

### Projects finished in September

KC Baby Back Ribs completed their renovation of the 2,400 square-foot restaurant space at 305 N. M-291 Highway.

E. Edwards Work Wear completed their renovation of the 6,400 square-foot space at 3520 S. Noland Road.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Below are some of the significant events that officers handled during the first two weeks of September:

On September 1, officers responded to a prowlers call in a parking lot of an apartment complex in the 19400 block of E. 37th Terr Ct S. During the confrontation with the suspects, an officer involved shooting occurred. A collision occurred between the police cars and the suspect vehicle at the scene. One suspect fled in the suspect vehicle and the remaining two suspects fled on foot from the scene. The suspect vehicle fled from officers and the pursuit concluded at Lee's Summit Rd and I-70. The suspect in the vehicle was

then taken into custody. Officers learned that the suspect sustained a non-life threatening injury from the officer involved shooting in the parking lot. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for treatment. The other two suspects were not located. A suspect firearm was recovered at the conclusion of the pursuit. No police officers were physically injured during this incident.

On September 2 at about 3:30 AM, officers responded to E. 5th St N and N. Spring Lake Dr on a shooting. The officers found an adult male, lying outside on the ground, who died from apparent gunshot wounds. Three or four gunshots were heard and reported to police. This incident is still being investigated as a homicide. Later that day officers responded to the 3600 block of N. Pleasant on a shooting. Officers located the victim who had non-life threatening injuries. The suspect attempted to hide in a nearby backyard and was apprehended by officers. No weapon was located. The victim refused to assist in prosecution of the suspect but the suspect was arrested for unlawful discharge of a weapon and other warrants.

On September 3, officers responded to a strong arm robbery at an ATM located in the 1500 block of E. 23rd Street. An elderly female was assaulted, thrown to the ground and robbed. The incident was captured on video surveillance. Patrol officers located the suspect vehicle shortly thereafter and arrested the suspect.

On September 4, officers responded to Sugar Creek, MO to assist the SCPD on a lengthy barricade on a suspect in a home who shot at police officers when they responded on a disturbance call.

On September 5, officers began investigating a two-vehicle collision that occurred on US 24 Hwy east of Winfrey at approximately 2:35 PM. An eastbound Honda motorcycle struck an eastbound Ford F-250 in a rear-end collision. The driver and sole occupant of the Ford sustained minor injuries. The male rider of the Honda was transported to a local hospital but later died of his injuries.

On September 7, officers responded to the 1200 block of S. Franklin Ave to a subject who had been hit over the head with an unknown object by a person he confronted in his backyard. The unknown suspect fled the area on a bicycle.

On September 8, officers responded to a domestic disturbance involving two people in the 1300 block of N. River Blvd. One subject grabbed a knife and attempted to stab the other. The primary aggressor was placed under arrest and transported to detention.

On September 11, officers responded to a shooting that originated as a road rage incident in 15300 block of E. 23rd Street. One person involved had a non-life threatening graze injury to their leg. The suspect was later arrested. Later that day, officers responded to the 2600 block of S. Peck Ct. on shots fired. It was reported to police that there was a rolling gun battle between two vehicles. Shell casings were recovered by no one was injured. The involved vehicle were lot located.

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On September 12, detectives began investigating an officer involved shooting. This incident occurred in the 9800 block of E. 25th Street in our city. The incident began as an attempted apprehension of a known suspect with numerous felony warrants. This incident involved several IPD officers and Jackson County Sheriff's deputies. During the attempted apprehension of the suspect, a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy fatally shot the suspect. A second

subject who was with the suspect was injured during the incident. This subject was transported to an area hospital. No officers or deputies were physically injured.

Learn more about the Independence Police Department including activities, programs and events on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ipdinfo](https://www.facebook.com/ipdinfo).

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