

THE CHAMBER VIEW

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4:30-6:00 pm

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4:00-5:00 pm

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MCC-Blue River
11:30 am-1:00 pm

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Health on the Go!
Hy-Vee on 23rd Street
4:00-6:00 pm

July 28, 2016

Speaker Series by the Missouri Grape
Board - "Missouri Wines 101"
Independence Chamber Boardroom
3:30-4:30 pm



Independence's Signature Event! **Labor Day Weekend • September 2- 5**

Looking to showcase your products or services to over 300,000 people in 4 days? Well, look no further than the SantaCaliGon Days Festival! Attendees from over 150 zip codes join us on Labor Day weekend each year for SCG and the event touches more than 1 million people digitally between the SantaCaliGon website, marketing campaign and social media presence.

Sponsorships between \$200 and \$10,000 for the event are not being sought and secured so if you want to be a part of Independence's signature event, get in now! Contact Lois McDonald to discuss options and details at lois@iChamber.biz or 816-252-4745 ext. 2.



36th Annual Golf Classic – June 3, 2016



Another year, another fantastic golf tournament! Between teams, sponsors and volunteers, the 150+ attendees of the 36th Annual Chamber Golf Classic enjoyed a beautiful day on the Winterstone Golf Course. The day included 18 holes of golf, several games (including a Marshmallow Toss) a 50/50 raffle, free drinks and delicious breakfast and lunch catered by Big Biscuit, Outback Steakhouse, and Carrabba's.

Did you miss it this year or want to make sure you make it to next year's event? The date for the 37th Annual Chamber Golf Classic has been set for June 16, 2017! Contact Trina Anderson for more information at trina@iChamber.biz or 816-252-4745 ext. 1.



"I can't tell you how much fun I had with the Chamber staff and meeting all of the Chamber members/ sponsors. It was very beneficial for me to get to work closer with the Independence Chamber Team and to get to know the Independence Chamber Members and put faces with names. Kelsey and I were schmoozing, networking and having a blast! I can't wait for next year's Golf Classic Tournament. Thank you for letting me participate."

Shilene Aaron, Sales Manager,
Main Event Entertainment

Thank you to our major sponsors!



Count on more.



"I was really impressed by the quality of our sponsorship benefits and the ROI it brought to our school. My colleague and I were able to meet several contacts in the community with potential to bring new students to our doorstep. The price was right, and we got more than we paid for back in meaningful relationships." Jason Anderson

Monthly Membership Luncheon at the Kansas City Zoo - June 15, 2016

Those who had the opportunity to join us for this month's luncheon received a special treat! Thanks to our sponsors **Cornell Roofing** and **Corporate CopyPrint**, not one, but two penguins greeted the group with their silly waddles and distinct personalities. Randy Wisthoff, CEO/Executive Director of the Kansas City Zoo, gave an interesting and humorous presentation on his career and his vision of the zoo's future. The attendees also had the chance to check out the zoo's new koala exhibit, baby orangutan, seal training and more. Thank you to all who attended this especially memorable luncheon!



Thank you to our luncheon sponsors!



Ribbon Cutting for Top Hat Winery

July 13, 2016, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, 120 S Main Street, Independence, MO 64050

Anyone else excited to celebrate a new business in Independence that makes wine? We thought so! Be sure to stop by for this ribbon cutting ceremony at Top Hat Winery on the Independence Square July 13th!

Business After Hours & Grand Opening



July 14, 2016, 4:30-6:00 pm

Sarah Cannon Cancer Center

19600 East 39th Street, Independence, MO 6405

With the opening of the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Centerpoint Medical Center, Independence, our community now has the option of staying close to home to get cancer treatments they used to have to travel hundreds of miles for. Please join us for this Business After Hours & Grand Opening event to tour the facility and learn about the cutting-edge cancer prevention and treatment technology we now have in our own backyard!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for ARCpoint Labs

July 19, 2016, 4:00-5:00 pm,

3675 S Noland Road, Independence, MO 64055

It's always a good time to celebrate a new business location!

Join the Chamber crew on July 19th to celebrate ARCpoint Labs' brand new location in Independence. Food, drink and fun will be provided!

Advertise in The Chamber View!

Fill a space like this. Monthly, quarterly, and annual rates are available.

Contact alex@ichamber.biz for details.

Monthly Membership Luncheon

July 20, 2016, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, MCC-Blue River, 20301 East 78 Hwy, Independence, MO 64057

This month's luncheon will be held in the Arts & Sciences Building of MCC-Blue River. Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Banks, President of MCC – Blue River.



Before joining MCC in March 2012, Banks served as vice president for academic and student affairs and vice president for academic affairs at St. Charles Community College (Missouri). During his tenure, he integrated the academic affairs and student services areas into a unified academic and student affairs area. He also chaired the campus security task force and led the campus security leadership team. Banks served as dean/division chair of the arts and humanities division at St. Charles Community College (SCC) from 1994-2003.

Previous to his time at SCC, he served as an assistant professor of speech and theatre and director of performing arts at Urbana University (Ohio), and as theatre department chair and assistant professor of theatre and design/technical direction at Xavier University (Ohio). He has taught full-time and part-time in speech and theatre at Xavier University, Urbana University, Lindenwood University (Missouri), and SCC.

Banks has a Ph.D. in American studies from St. Louis University, a Master of Fine Arts degree in design and technical theatre from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a bachelor's degree in theatre from St. Louis University.

Reservations must be made by Monday, July 18th. Refunds can not be given after July 18th due to the cost of the meal.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for University Health on the Go!

July 26, 2016, 4:00-6:00 pm

Hy-Vee, 1525 East 23rd Street S, Independence MO, 64055

Be sure to celebrate the opening of another location of Truman Medical Center's University Health On the GO! with us on July 26th! Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 4:30 pm.

Speaker Series – "Missouri Wines 101"

July 28, 2016, 3:30-4:30 pm, Independence Chamber, 210 West Truman Road, Independence, MO 64050

Presented by the Missouri Grape Board.

Missouri has a wine history dating back over 160 years. This Missouri Wines 101 class will bring you up to speed on its extensive history and the current state of the Missouri wine and grape industry. We'll cover tips and tricks to tasting wine and even try a few of award-winning wines being produced here in the "Show Me" state.

Space is limited to 40 attendees so be sure to register at iChamber.biz or contact steve@iChamber.biz.

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Trivia & Silent
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October 7th

 You can sponsor, donate items,
and buy table(s) of eight for
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Dickey's Barbecue, yard games, networking and 80-degree weather (in JUNE!) made the 4th Annual Picnic on the Lawn another must-attend Chamber gathering. Well over 100 members stopped by for our annual membership appreciation event and left with a smile on their face. Even our President and CEO, Hap Graff, stopped by during his vacation! (He may have just been making sure his staff wasn't having too much fun). Thank you to all who visited!

Catered by:



Ribbon Cuttings



On June 2nd, Big Bob's Flooring Outlet celebrated the opening of its new location at 17801 E 39th St, Independence, MO.



Truman Medical Centers had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the kick-off of their brand new University Health On the GO! Clinics. The first was opened at the Hy-Vee at 4545 S. Noland Rd, Independence, MO, on June 23rd.

SANTACALIGON

Independence's Signature Event!

Labor Day Weekend • September 2- 5

The biggest weekend in Independence is coming QUICKLY! Hundreds of thousands flock to our treasured Historic Independence Square Labor Day weekend to check out hundreds of artisans and makers, festival food and speciality drinks, music, carnival rides and games and so much more! There really is something for everyone, so be sure to mark your calendar for September 2nd-5th!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Enjoy the SantaCaliGon Days Festival and witness the magic that happens behind the scenes. The festival depends on over 300 volunteers to run a smooth event, so join us! You'll be fed, receive an All-Access Festival pass, volunteer t-shirt and unlimited laughs! Contact Morgan at morgan@ichamber.biz if you want to volunteer!



Profit and Cash Monopoly

May 26, 2016

In May the Independence Chamber Board of Directors and Staff had the opportunity to brush up on their finance skills with a 4-hour Profit and Cash focused program at Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center. The 4-hours flew by while “Awesome Sauce BBQ” and “Fun L Cakes” rolled the dice and made financial decisions based on sales, current cash-flow, receivables, overhead costs and many unanticipated “decision cards.” If your business is interested in bringing this team building exercise to your office, give us a call at 816-252-4745 and we will get you in contact with the facilitators!



After Blitz Party

June 1, 2016

The recent Membership Blitz, held in May, was a huge success! Between the Board of Directors and Ambassadors, we increased membership by 34 in May. That's a total of 64 new members since the beginning of 2016!

A huge thank you to all those who have supported the Independence Chamber by growing membership so quickly in recent months. Without our members, and their extreme dedication and pride in this organization, the Independence Chamber would not be on the positive path it is today. Cheers to you and all you do!



Business After Hours at Adam's Mark

June 16, 2016

Adam's Mark Hotel set us up in their Executive Boardroom on the 15th floor for Business After Hours last month. Not only did they serve fantastic food and drinks, but we had an amazing view of the Kauffman Stadium. Big thank you to Adam's Mark for taking such great care of our members!



Business Before Hours at the Hilton Garden Inn, Independence

June 22, 2016

We relaunched an oldie but a goodie in June - Business *Before* Hours. This will be a regular event so be on the lookout for coming dates. Thank you to the Hilton Garden Inn Independence for hosting a fabulous morning for us!



Legislative Hearings

The Public Policy Committee has again set dates to receive recommendations for needed legislation or legislative changes from our membership and strategic partners. Testimony is being sought on issues that will or should be considered by the legislative bodies of the City of Independence, Jackson County, the Missouri General Assembly, and the United States Congress.

**Two public hearings have been set for the following Mondays:
July 18 • July 25**

Each scheduled hearing will last from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and be held in the Chamber Boardroom. Presentations will be scheduled in 15-minute intervals beginning at 4:00 pm. Members desiring to address the Public Policy Committee during one of the scheduled public hearings are asked to contact Lois McDonald at lois@iChamber.biz or 816-252-4745 (ext. 2) to secure a time slot on the agenda.

The input received from the public hearings forms the basis for the items or issues considered by the Chamber for inclusion in the Chamber's 2017 Legislative Agenda. Items identified through this process will be explored, debated, and prioritized by the members of the Public Policy Committee during the early fall and forwarded to the Chamber Board of Directors for final consideration in November. The approved 2017 Legislative Agenda will be published and distributed to all members of the Chamber.

Federal Legislative Briefing at Blue Ridge Bank

June 17, 2016

In June we collaborated with the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce for a Federal Legislative Briefing. Ashley Burke (from Congressman Graves' office), Cory Dillon (from Senator McCaskill's office) and Matt Haase (from Senator Blunt's office) updated us on current federal legislation and what they predict will pass in the coming months.



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L.E.A.D. 2017 Class Applications are out - but they won't be available forever! If you are ready to bond and network with some of the most talented and ambitious leaders in our city, and be educated on all aspects of Independence in the process, you are ready for L.E.A.D.

Need an application or more information? Visit www.iChamber.biz or contact Trina at trina@iChamber.biz or 816-252-4745 ext.1.

Member News

On May 18, 2016, the **JobOne Board** of Directors unanimously approved plans to consolidate their Blue Springs and Independence locations into the Independence facility at 1085 S. Yuma Avenue. The transition is scheduled to be complete by July, 2016.

On May 17th, two of our members, Kelly and Andrew Lightfoot of **Am-persand** and **Matchstick Websites**, welcomed their firstborn into the world, Mae Cordelia Lightfoot.

The **Missouri Mavericks** announced on June 2 that Head Coach, Richard Matvichuk, accepted the position as head coach of the Prince George Cougars, a Canadian major junior ice hockey team currently members of the B.C. Division of the Western Conference in the Western Hockey League (WHL), based in Prince George, British Columbia.

City Manager John Pinch announced the retirement of **Independence Police Chief Thomas J. Dailey** on June 3rd. Chief Dailey will retire on July 21, 2016. Dailey became Police Chief in September 2008, following 27+ years with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. "I believe the Department has made great progress for the city and am extremely proud of the men and women who serve the citizens in an exemplary fashion," said Dailey, in submitting his retirement notice. **Brad Halsey** has been named his successor.

On June 7th, the **City of Independence Parks and Recreation** held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of the 3rd and final phase of the **McCoy Park Inclusive Play Project**; the first universally inclusive park in Independence, located at 800 N. Bess Truman Parkway.

On June 15, **Independence Power & Light (IPL)** announced it received the American Public Power Association Energy Innovator Award which recognizes creative, energy-efficient techniques to provide better service to electric customers. IPL was recognized for its Home Energy Loan Program.

Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal Company, was the recipient of the Kansas City Excellence in Construction Award at the 2016 Construction Specifications Institute's Awards on June 9th.

This page features member news each month. To have your news listed here, contact Alex at alex@ichamber.biz.

Speed Leads

One of our newest programs kicked-off on June 7 at Drury Inn and Suites - Speed Leads! It consisted of pairs of attendees meeting for 2 minutes, one person giving their elevator speech for one minute, then switching to the next person. The success of the event was evident afterward with each attendee expressing their thanks and excitement about the evening. We plan to continue this program once a quarter - so if you missed it, be on the lookout for the next date coming soon!



Anniversaries

1-5 Years

Driskill Business Development
Group, Inc./Sandler Training
N2 Publishing
The Insurance Groupe, Inc
The Dingeldein Agency
De's Plexus
Paychex
Continua Home Health and Hospice
Constant Contact
Baird Group Real Estate
Courtyard by Marriott
Famous Dave's BBQ
Massage Heights
Rotary Club of Eastern Independence
Saint's Pub + Patio
Susan Appleberry Widick, DDS, PC
Beth Franklin Real Estate Team
at Keller Williams
Cole Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
Missouri Organic Recycling, Inc.

5-14 years

Ampersand
Drumm Farm Golf Club
Adams Pointe Conference Center
CPros Inc

15-24 years

Lew Printing
The Big Biscuit
AFS Insurance

25 + years

State Farm Insurance,
Blake Roberson
Fun House Pizza & Pub
Cable-Dahmer Buick GMC Cadillac
Sladek Do it Best Hardware

New Member

Independence Square Advisory Board

124 S Main St
Independence MO 64050

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Members are the greatest asset of the Chamber. Please support the businesses listed on this page because they support and believe in our community.

Core Purpose

To provide leadership that builds a business community of excellence.

Vision Statement

The Independence Chamber of Commerce will be the premier business organization in Eastern Jackson County where public and private interests collaborate and are empowered.

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