

City of



INDEPENDENCE

2022 Annual Report



2022 CITY COMMISSION

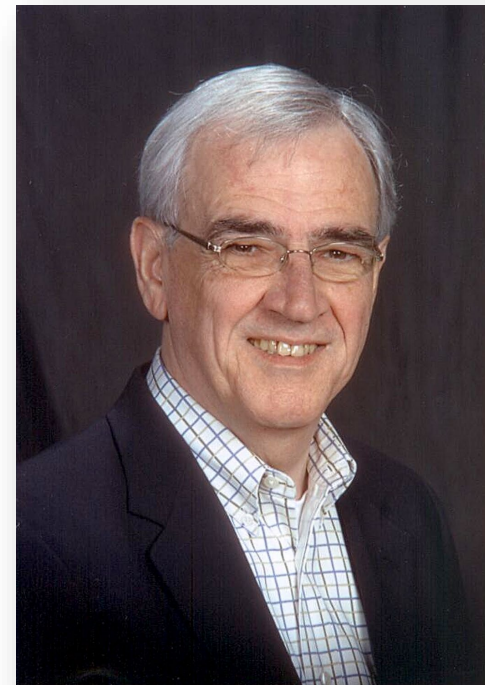
2022 Annual Report



**Louis Ysusi,
Commissioner**



**Dean Hayse,
Mayor**



**Tim Emert, Vice
Mayor**

In 2022 the City Commission conducted 40 City Commission meetings, adopted 44 ordinances and 77 resolutions. They also approved 14 proclamations. They also adopted the 2023 budget on September 8, 2022. The City accomplishments in this report would not be possible without the support of the City Commission.

AIRPORT

146,140 gallons of fuel
sold, generating
\$778,519.39

401 single engines and 506 jets were
fueled at the Independence Municipal
Airport in 2022.



Hired Aaron Shrader as the
new Airport Supervisor



AIRPORT PROJECTS



The completed project in 2022 was to remove Taxiway B, Rehabilitate Taxiway D, and Terminal Apron. In 2023, work is anticipated on the SPCC Containment Project. Below is the schedule for future grant projects (subject to available grant funding) at the Independence Municipal Airport. There are no FAA grant projects planned for 2023.

Timeframe	Description	Phase	Cost	FAA Portion	City Portion
2024	Seal Taxiway Pavement Surface/Pavement Joints	Conceptual	\$ 315,000	\$ 283,500	\$ 31,500
2024	Seal Taxiway Pavement Surface/Pavement Joints	Conceptual	\$ 420,000	\$ 378,000	\$ 42,000
FY 2028 and FY 2029	Reconstruct 17/35	Conceptual	\$ 7,400,000	\$ 6,660,000	\$ 740,000
FY 2028 and FY 2029	Reconstruct 17/35 Lighting	Conceptual	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 50,000
2029+	Install Miscellaneous NAVAIDS	Conceptual	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 10,000
2029+	Reconstruct Airfield Guidance Signs	Conceptual	\$ 450,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 45,000
2029+	Install Airfield Guidance Signs	Conceptual	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 10,000



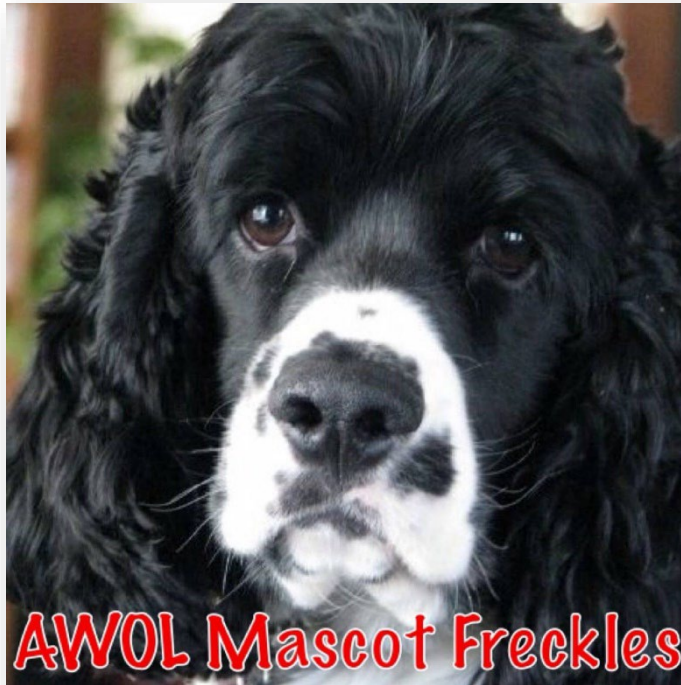
AWOL/ANIMAL CONTROL

DOGS

- ★ 124 adopted
- ★ 87 reclaimed

CATS

- ★ 91 adopted
- ★ 6 reclaimed



Total animals sheltered: 422

Dog spays/neuters: 148

Cat spays/neuters: 242

12 volunteers worked 1,135
hours in 2022.

Animal Control issued
19 citations

BUILDING



93 permits issued in 2022

Representing \$6,057,771 in commercial permits

Representing \$9,417,935 in other permits

Representing \$518,555.75 in residential permits

\$36,813.97 collected in permit fees

\$15,994,261.75 total building valuation

13 condemned structures removed by the City

BUILDING



2022 Electrical and Plumbing Boards

Ordinances 4401, 4406 & 4407 were reviewed and discussed.

The City building department gave a 30-day waiver for new electrical service installed on West Beech Street.

Discussion of 2023 Licensing and the new Building Trades Ordinance and updating to the 2020 Electrical Code.

Worked with Evergy to resolve area issues.

Updated 2012 Uniform Plumbing code to the 2015 IBC Plumbing Code.

Discussed ways to stop plumbing and electrical work being done by unlicensed contractors.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Grass violations

Yards with Notices written once	631
Mowed by owner	444
Mowed by Contractor	651
Mowed by Contractor multiple times	187
Checked and rechecked	1,595 yards

Environmental Violations Written	611*
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Violation cases closed	344
Trash and construction debris cleaned up	152
Vehicles tagged or removed	180
Furniture, appliances, and outdoor storage removed	104
Houses with damage repaired	13
Garages with damage repaired	10
Fences, fence around pools	9
Wild overgrowth not covered by mowing	43
Complaints resolved	55
*Individual issues resolved	511
Sent to court	8

*Some properties had multiple issues.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Flood Mitigation

- The City of Independence 2022 CRS program activities included monthly social media flood safety tips, floodplain monitoring for building activity, notifications to realtors and landlords on the floodplain requirements, tenant and seller notifications, flood safety brochure distribution in the community, and the annual year-end report to the commission on January 12, 2023.
- Mitigation in Whiskey Creek with spraying from Laurel to Cherry street.
- Submission of the 2022 CRS audit to FEMA for review. Submission was done on 01/12/2023.

COVID-19

- The City continued to update policies with the latest guidelines released by the CDC/KDHE throughout the year.
- The City continues to update and restock equipment for pandemics and other emergencies used during the COVID-19 event.

Emergency Preparedness

- The City weekly test storm sirens and does quarterly maintenance on the system
- The City encourages the resident to participate in the Civic Ready Emergency notification system. The system will notify residents via email, mobile phone or text messages of emergencies. The Civic Ready also allows residents to sign up for Weather Alerts and general City notifications.

FINANCE



REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL
TAXES (GENERAL FUND, ALL TYPES)	\$	\$5,496,640
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$	\$ 57,605
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	\$ 99,153
FIRE/EMS SERVICES	\$	\$ 861,021
PARK	\$	\$ 72,439
CEMETERY	\$	\$ 66,880
MEMORIAL HALL	\$	\$ 35,997
WATER	\$	\$ 3,074,499
SEWER	\$	\$ 2,459,605
SANITATION	\$	\$ 1,200,355
AIRPORT	\$	\$ 831,791
1% SPECIAL USE SALES TAX	\$	\$ 2,507,233

Total revenue collected in all budgeted funds \$40,247,282

Unaudited amounts



Lacey Lies, Director of Finance



Dave Schwenker, City Clerk

Received **18**
requests
for a total of **18**
Open Records
items

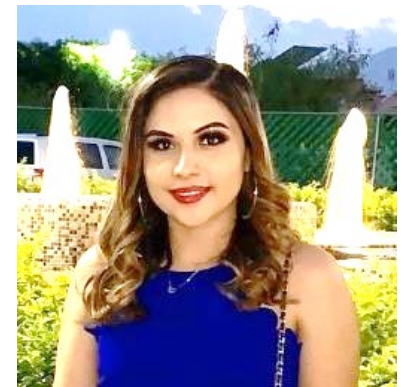
FINANCE



TRANSACTIONS PROCESSED	TOTAL
IVR Payments*	6,724
Online Payments	12,383
Bank Drafts	6,515
Credit Card Drafts (discontinued in 2022)	97
In Person and Drop Box Payments	25,070
Bills Generated	52,922



Donna Dean,
Clerk III, Billing
& Accounts Receivable



Jessica Jaimes, Clerk II
Utility Payments, Permits,
And Licensing

FINANCE -- LICENSES



GARAGE SALE	222
CITY OCCUPATION	214
OUTSIDE CITY OCCUPATION	220
RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD	166
ELECTRICIAN	67
HOME OCCUPATION	58
PLUMBER	40
MEDICAL/HEALTHCARE	29
RESTAURANT/FOOD	27
CMB/ALCOHOL	20
ANIMAL LICENSE	303
BARBER/BEAUTY	19
ROOFING	16
AUTO	13
DAYCARE	10
TRANSIENT VENDOR	13
INSURANCE	10
MOTEL/MOBILE HOME	6
TAX SERVICES	4
AMUSEMENT	7
REAL ESTATE	4
PAWNBROKER'S	2
PRECIOUS METAL/SCRAP METAL	1
FIREWORK DISPLAY	4
TAXI	0

The license and trade applications were redone in 2022.

1,475 TOTAL LICENSES IN 2022

FINANCE/ENGINEERING



**THANKS,
Interns!**



MUNICIPAL COURT



691 Cases Filed

17 DUI's Filed

67 Trials

164 Found Guilty

14 Diversions

86 Cases Dismissed



\$46,405.99

collected in court fines

MEMORIAL HALL



Total Rental Fees Collected
= \$17,708.75

*Facility Usage Detail –
Number of times used:*

- ★ **Civic Center – 148**
- ★ **Kitchen – 184**
- ★ **Gallery – 213**
- ★ **Veterans Room – 145**
- ★ **Am. Legion Room – 3**
- ★ **VFW Room – 0**
- ★ **Spanish Room – 9**
- ★ **Patriot Room – 9**
- ★ **Lobby – 20**
- ★ **Auditorium – 36**
- ★ **Green Room – 30**
- ★ **Dressing Rooms - 36**



If you get too hot come cool off!!



City of Independence Kansas
July 18, 2022

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

MEMORIAL HALL OPEN AS A COOL-DOWN SHELTER:

If you need a place to cool down this week, Memorial Hall will be open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The AC will be on! (Sorry, no pets allowed.)



MEMORIAL HALL



Reading of Proclamation and Rededication of Memorial Hall Cornerstone 100 Years after its original dedication – Ceremony Held on November 5, 2022

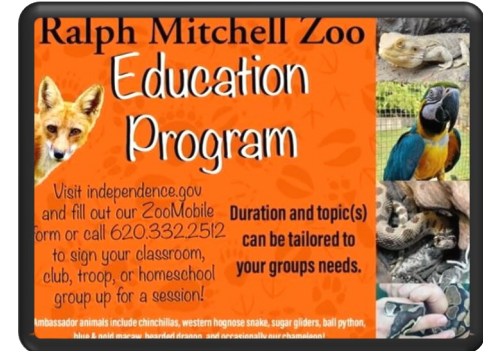
PARK, ZOO & CEMETERY



PARK

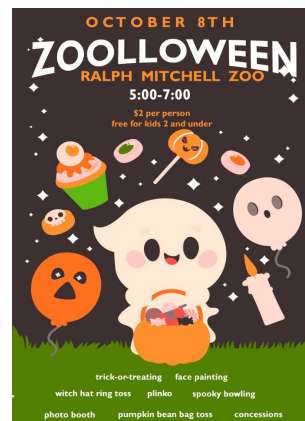
Activities in the Park & Zoo

- ★ 45,423 amusement tickets sold, generating \$22,313.26.
- ★ 396 Park facility rentals generating \$23,036.14.
- ★ Concession stand generated \$10,476.77
- ★ 986 Zoolloween guests generating \$3,348.98.
- ★ Donation Box/Feeder generated \$7,577.61.
- ★ Fundraising campaign started for restoration of AT&SF 1050 Locomotive with \$50,000 raised so far.
- ★ Plans finalized for addition of new sensory play area in Riverside Park. Target for completion is June 2023.
- ★ Park Office now manages all building rentals.



ZOO

- ★ New animals: Ball Python, Western Hognose Snake, 2 Chinchillas and a Red Fox. Lost 1 Kinkajou and 1 Bison.
- ★ The Zoo Master Plan was completed in December.



CEMETERY

- ★ Sold 68 cemetery spaces, with 104 burials, 47 cremations and 86 new stones placed.

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1050 LOCOMOTIVE



She's 102, and after 67 YEARS on display at Riverside Park, the iconic 1050 Locomotive is in need of some serious love! Read on to learn about the effort to restore the cherished train for future generations to enjoy.



CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY TO RESTORE THE 1050

After decades of delighting children and families as both a symbol of history and a thrilling play structure at Riverside Park, the 1050 locomotive is showing its age and needing a robust shot of TLC to bring it up to modern standards for safety, aesthetics and longevity.

The first of 102 "2-6-2 prairie" locomotives built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1902, the 1050 was designed as a workhorse for rail lines. These locomotives tore through towns and into the open fields of the prairies. The locomotive was in passenger operation until 1920, when it transitioned to use as a freight locomotive.

This type of engine was retired from 1940-1955, and the ATSF rail company donated the 1050 steam engine to the city of Independence in the spring of 1955. At that time, a drive was

organized to raise money to move it from a side track near the Santa Fe Depot to the park. One way of raising funds was the selling of "shares" in The Independence Shortline Railway for a dollar each. The old engine was moved to Riverside Park on July 1, 1955.

Though built to last, 67 years of weather and curious climbers have taken their toll on the engine, and it's in need of some repair work to keep it beautiful and safe to climb on. The FORPAZ (Friends of Riverside Park and Zoo) organization has taken up the cause to raise funding to restore the structure, with a campaign goal of \$100,000. In a nod to the 1950s campaign, FORPAZ is offering symbolic "shares" in the Independence Short Line Railroad, as a donor perk. (More information on donor levels, as well as a donation form and online link are found on Page 7.)



AVAILABLE DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

GOLDEN SPIKE

\$5,000 and Above

SILVER SPIKE

\$4,999-\$2,500

BRONZE BELL

\$2,499-\$1,000

ENGINEER

\$999-\$500

CONDUCTOR

\$499-\$250

FIREMAN

\$249-\$100

BRAKEMAN

\$99-\$50

ALL ABOARD

\$49 and Under



WE'RE BUILDING THE FUTURE OF
INDEPENDENCE RECREATION & SPORTS



CENTRAL PARK SPORTS COMPLEX



f | @CentralParkSportsComplex



Scan here to
support this
important
project.



INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN

OCTOBER 2021



LEGEND

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| A. NEW YOUTH SOCCER FIELDS | J. EXISTING SHELTER |
| B. NEW YOUTH SOCCER CONCESSIONS and RESTROOMS | K. NEW PLAY AREA |
| C. RENOVATED CLARK JAMES FIELD | L. NEW STORAGE BUILDING |
| D. RENOVATED BICENTENNIAL FIELD | M. NEW MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELD |
| E. RENOVATED JAYCEE FIELD | N. NEW WALKING TRAILS (1-MILE LOOP) |
| F. RENOVATED HUGO FIELD | O. RENOVATED BASKETBALL COURTS |
| G. RENOVATED SINCLAIR FIELD (WEST) | P. NEW PAVED PARKING |
| H. NEW SINCLAIR FIELD (EAST) | Q. NEW FITNESS COURT |
| I. EXISTING CONCESSIONS | R. NEW PICKLE BALL COURTS |
| | S. NEW COIN-OPERATED BATTING CAGES |
| | T. EXISTING SKATE PARK |
| | U. EXISTING DOG PARK |

NOTES:
- ALL BALL FIELDS INCLUDE NEW SOO, INFIELDS, LIGHTING, FENCING, and DUGOUTS
- CLARK JAMES FIELD (C), BICENTENNIAL FIELD (D), and SINCLAIR FIELDS (G & H), INCLUDE NEW SCOREKEEPER BOXES AND BULLPENS



The Independence Central Park Sports Complex is a phased project to develop new fields and facilities for recreational activities for all walks of life in our community. The complex will include new playing fields for baseball, softball and soccer; pickleball, basketball and fitness courts; multi-use trails; new concession and restroom facilities; improved parking and accessibility for all. More than just a sports facility, the new complex will serve as a driver for additional economic development, community growth and pride.

This initiative is funded through a combination of federal grants, City and Recreation Commission investment, private donations and partnerships. To learn more about this project or ways to contribute, call (620) 331-0260.



Follow us on Facebook: @CentralParkSportsComplex



SCAN HERE TO DONATE

FIRE/EMS



2,743 Medical Calls

2,399 Emergency

840 Non-Emergency

1,669 Patients Transported

523 Transfers

3:24 Avg Response Time

([Min:Sec] National Avg is 7 Minutes)

Fire Calls

27 Structure Fires

49 Gas Leaks

15 Grass Fires

49 Outside Fires

8 Car Fires

84 False Alarms

5 Smoke Scares

4 Carbon Monoxide

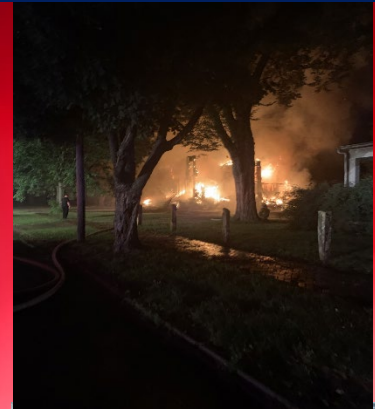
7 Haz Mat Spills

64 Aircraft Standbys

66 Public Assists

26 Mutual Aid

100 Fire Alarms



FIRE/EMS



Projects

- Training – Water Plant (Chlorine), Shift training, Live training with Neodesha Fire, JAWS training
- 30 Inspections required by State Fire Marshal.
- Stuff the Ambulance-Christmas Toys for KVC foster kids
- Downtown Building Inspections
- Installed Smoke Detectors
- New Fire/EMS Facility – Completed
- Officers attended Leadership Independence
- Annual Pump Testing
- Hose Testing
- Involved with Movie Night
- Sponsored Montgomery County Kid's Camp



Grant Purchases

- Portable Fire Stream Monitor for electric car fires and exposure protection
- Backpack Blower for Grass Fires
- Ventilation Saw
- 2- Forcible Entry Tools

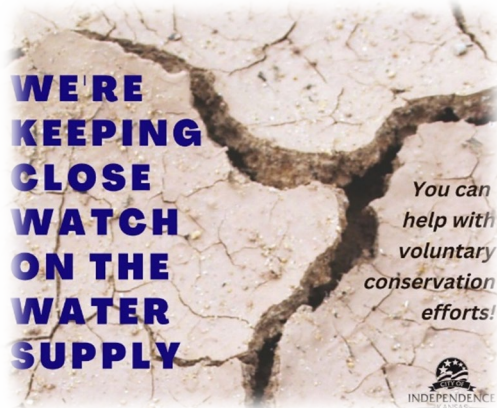
Aaron Cook hired as
Fire Captain/Paramedic/RN

2022 DROUGHT



WE'RE CLOSELY MONITORING WATER AVAILABILITY, CONSERVATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

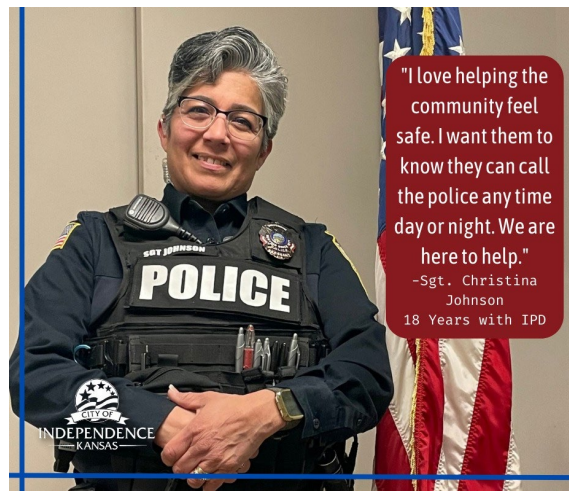
With serious drought conditions persisting across southeast Kansas and our neighboring communities implementing water conservation practices, the City of Independence has been closely monitoring the local water supply and proactively evaluating measures to ensure adequate availability going forward.



POLICE



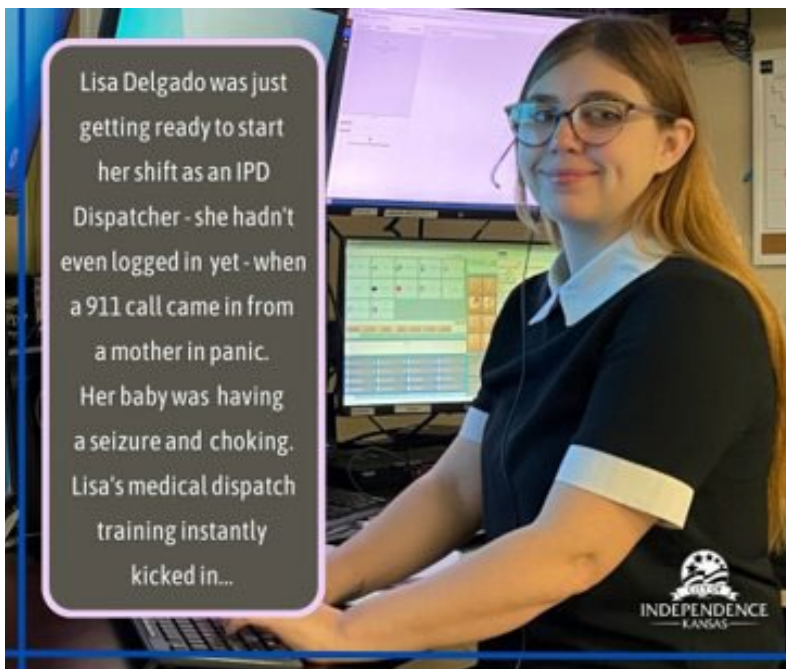
- ★ Participated in the SAFE programs. IPD also participated in many community events as well as having our Police Chief's Advisory Committee.
- ★ On-going crime prevention efforts including house watches and extra patrols, as well as speaking about crime prevention at various clubs, organizations and in radio ads.
- ★ A total of 2,283 incident and crime reports were taken. Patrolmen investigated 155 vehicle accidents; executed 754 felony and misdemeanor arrests; conducted 438 traffic stops, filed 4 truancy reports and made 4 truancy arrests.
- ★ Trained employees in de-escalation.
- ★ Implemented Guardian Tracking.



POLICE



- ★ Our full-time dispatchers are all certified in Emergency Medical, Police, and Fire Dispatch. Additionally, our dispatch section is responsible for data entry of pawn tickets, traffic and ordinance citations, and records clerk duties.



- ★ Updated approximately 1100 addresses manually in CAD due to new 911 addressing system.
- ★ Implemented the ERS program that interfaces with CAD to track Rural Fire Department units and reports.
- ★ Completed Equature project – upgrading renewing service agreements.
- ★ Replaced old dispatch headsets.
- ★ All dispatchers EMD Certified – 2 ED-Q Certified.
- ★ Upgraded AT&T 911 Network

POLICE



- ★ We have four full-time dispatchers, one records clerk and one supervisor. Dispatch accounts for 22% of our full-time personnel, with a total of 23 current IPD employees. Our dispatchers are responsible for directly dispatching for eight public safety agencies.
- ★ Dispatchers answered 8,124 calls to 911, 16,887 calls for service, with 11,013 for IPD. Overall, with inbound, outbound and 911 calls, dispatchers handled 75,719 phone calls.



POLICE



- ★ Shane Collins was promoted to Sergeant on January 2, 2022.
- ★ M.L.K. Day Grant funded I.P.D. trading cards for new officers.



Officer Name:

Shane Collins #205

Public Service Experience & Title:

I was hired at the Independence Police Department in 2017. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2022. I have been a child safety restraint system technician, a de-escalation instructor from Dolan Group and a National De-escalation instructor.

Hobbies:

Spending time with my wife and 4 children, hunting, fishing, and working with my father-in-law on his farm.

Personal Message:

"Be better today than you were yesterday."

WATER TREATMENT



Started pumping out South Slurry pit.



Checked batteries on all emergency exit lighting.

Pulled 630 pump at the Airport for repair.



Unloading new Alum tank., allowing a full load rather than a half load, saving money.

Produced approximately
667,000,000
gallons of drinking water for customers



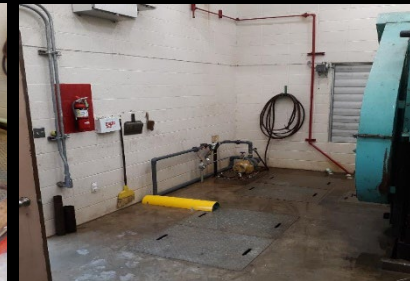
Extended the railing Around the Alum Storage tanks.



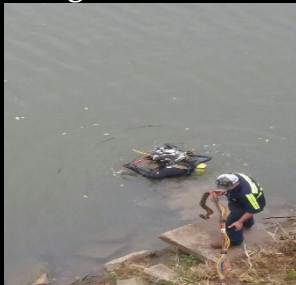
Set fuel tank into containment tank.



Installed new suction And discharge lines to the screen wash pump.



Installed tripping guard over suction and discharge lines.



Rotating screen inspection.



Repaired trailer axle.



Installed a common header for filling the Alum tanks.



Cleaned the trees off the hill and cleaned the road going down.



Street Department swept the Oak Street entrance road to the river.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT



Treated

546,490,000

gallons of wastewater

Our high flow day was 5.42 MGD

Our low flow day was 0.22 MGD

Average Peak Flow for 2022 was **2.91 MGD**
(million gallons per day)

The belt filter press processed
78 tons of biosolids in 2022,
and they were land applied.

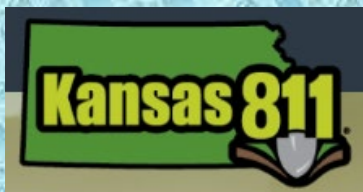
WATER/SEWER



**John Felton was promoted to Interim
Assistant Public Works Director**



**Installed a new drain at the
Ash Youth Center.**



**1-800-DIG-SAFE
Responded to and
completed 1,788 Line spots**

Repaired 201 water main leaks

Replaced and installed 11 new services

**Replaced 20 feet sewer main at
2013 North 10th Street.**

**Replaced 430 feet of water line at:
800 block W. Chestnut, 8th St,
Lakeview, 300 block N. Park, Riley,
Park & Cedar, W. Myrtle, 4th &
Chestnut, 8th & Hoover, W. Beech,
W. Sycamore, W. Poplar, N. 10th,
E. Cherry, 10th & Main.**

Flushed fire hydrants



**Serviced and
Cleaned
21,778 feet of
sewer main pipe**

STREET DEPARTMENT



Completed all routine tasks... hanging downtown banners, setting barricades for events, annual leaf pickup, setting up voting booths, etc.

Partnered with the Sanitation Department in Recycling



Continued to have the Brush Dump opened to the public the 1st Saturday of each month.

Picked up 688 piles of brush through work orders.



Removed 8 dead trees from the Rights-of-Way.

Swept 1,000 lane miles of streets.



Swept the Oak Street entrance road to the river.

Public Works/Infrastructure



PROJECT UPDATES: Public Works and Infrastructure

The City continues to make progress on several important initiatives related to streets, facilities and infrastructure. Below is a quick-read chart of highlights for the most current and soon-to-start activities:

PROJECT	STATUS	PROJECTED TIMELINE
Water Tower Maintenance	Bidding project to maintain and coat north water tower.	1st Qtr 2023
Zoo and Park Power Feed Relocation	Working on proposed concept to refeed current electrical services.	3rd Quarter 2022
Maple Street Rebuild (17th St. west to city limits)	Paving soon to get underway. Working with railroad on fixing crossing issue.	Expected completion 4th Quarter 2022
Evidence Building	Preparing to award bid for buildout of evidence storage room in existing building.	Expected completion 1st Quarter 2023
Communications Tower	Design under review for new communications tower for emergency services north of historic City Hall.	Yet to be determined
Wayfinding Signage	In progress, design and installation of signage and kiosks.	Expected completion October 2022
Airport Taxiway Improvements (Taxiways B & D and Terminal Apron)	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Water Plant Next Phase	Awaiting plan approval by Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Bid award targeted for October.	START: 4th Quarter 2022 COMPLETION: 4th Quarter 2026
Parking Lot North of 6th St. City Hall	Design complete and ready for review. Bid type and timeline to be established.	START: 1st Quarter 2023 COMPLETION: 3rd Quarter 2023
Water Line/Meter Project (Northwest of 10th St. railroad crossing, south of Oak Street)	Will include replacement of water meters and some water mains. Bid award targeted for October.	START: 4th Quarter 2022 COMPLETION: 2nd Quarter 2023
Lakeview Lift Station	Preparing infrastructure at lift station to improve inflow and infiltration issues (preventing ground water and storm water from entering the sanitary sewer).	START: 3rd Quarter 2022 COMPLETION: 2nd Quarter 2023
Southeast Lift Station	Bidding the project for pump replacement to improve reliability and ease of maintenance.	START: 4th Quarter 2022 COMPLETION: 2nd Quarter 2023
Fire/EMS Addition on Myrtle St.	Framing and trim for overhead doors completed. HVAC and sprinkler system work nearing completion. Wall framing and soffits completed.	Expected completion 1st Quarter 2023



MAPLE STREET REBUILD

Paving anticipated to begin early Fall 2022.
Expected completion 4th Qtr. 2022.



PACKAGE SORTING FACILITY

Planning for Certificate of Occupancy and Completion October 2022.



PRECISION RAILWAY EXPANSION

Finishing interior work, soon to move to yard work.
Expected occupancy January 2023.



FIRE/EMS FACILITY EXPANSION

Myrtle Street. Anticipated completion 1st Qtr. 2023.

Follow
Weekly
Progress
Here >



MAIN STREET PROJECT



MAIN STREET PROJECT

COMPLETED!



KDOT GRANT



On Thursday, Gov. Laura Kelly and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Secretary Julie Lorenz announced the City of Independence was among 32 grant award winners across the state as part of KDOT's Transportation Alternatives (TA) program for the 2023-24 fiscal year (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024).

City Engineer John Garris explained the grant funding, totaling \$980,224, will be used to complete a sidewalk extension project connecting existing sidewalks along West Main Street and Laurel Street to Peter Pan Road and Labette Health's Independence Healthcare Center. Total cost for the project, including design and construction, is estimated at just over \$1.34 million, with the KDOT grant covering approximately 73 percent.



SANITATION



Picked up 61 appliances and
666 bulk work orders (furniture,
bedding, misc. trash)

Continued once a week
poly-cart pickup.



Opened the yard every Tuesday and
Thursday and first Saturday for bulk
waste disposal.

SPRING Clean-Up! *april 24-30*

Let's all pitch in for a community wide effort to beautify Independence.

FREE 1-DAY RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTERS CALL 620-877-4553 To reserve First come, first served	SANITATION YARD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY HOURS 8am-2pm <i>For large waste, bulky items</i>	CITY BRUSH DUMP OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY HOURS 8am-2pm <i>Limits, logs, events only. No lumber</i>
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Plus...
Join the Independence PRIDE Committee on LOVE Independence Day
SATURDAY, APRIL 30
for the first weekly clean-up walk at Riverside Park. Community members are encouraged to join the group each Saturday May-September at designated locales.

Love INDEPENDENCE
DATES & CLEAN-UP SITES
 April 30 - Riverside Park
 May 7 - Ralph Mitchell Zoo
 May 14 - Downtown
 May 21 - Park Blvd Ballpark
 May 28 - South 10th St. Park

WORKING TOGETHER
INDEPENDENCE KANSAS
FOR A MORE Beautiful INDEPENDENCE

Independence Chamber of Commerce
Pride Committee

Picked up **6,121.4** tons of
trash

RECYCLING



20,000 lbs.
COLLECTED!

Average 60 Drop-offs per Month

Average 2 **Tons**
monthly collections

Recycling is on Tuesdays, in addition to
the 1st Saturday. Bulk waste drop-off is on
Thursdays.



Recycling Drop-Off Location
Sanitation Yard - 21st & Maple

EVERY Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
FIRST Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Now accepting debris, appliances, furniture and other bulky items
EVERY Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
EVERY Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Chamber
of Commerce
Pride Committee

YES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aluminum Cat Food CansAluminum Cans (flatten if possible)AppliancesBooks/Phone BooksCar & Lawn Mower BatteriesCardboardCell PhonesE-WasteGlass Bottles (remove lids)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Household BatteriesJunk MailMagazines/CatalogsNewspapersPaper/Shredded Paper/Office WasteSlick Coated Boxes (cereal, cracker or tissue boxes)Steel Cans (rinse out, remove lids and labels)	Plastics Bagged Separately <ul style="list-style-type: none">#1 Clear Bottles & Jars - Screw Neck (water, peanut butter, ketchup, etc.)#2 Cloudy Jugs & Bottles (milk, vinegar, cat litter, etc.)#2 Solid Colored Jugs & Bottles (detergent, bleach, coffee, shampoo, etc.)

NO		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aerosol CansBubble WrapBuilding MaterialsCeramicClam Shell ContainersDark bottlesLight Bulbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MirrorsPacking PeanutsPaint CansPaper PlatesPaper TowelsPlant PotsShiny ItemsSolo Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">StyrofoamTraysTin Foil/Pie PlatesTiresWaxed CardboardWindshieldsWrapping Paper

Household Hazardous Waste may be dropped off at Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Department, 114 North Wald, March through November on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For questions call 331-4139.

For more information contact the Independence Chamber of Commerce at 331-1890

LET'S SORT IT OUT!

OUR RECYCLING COLLECTION CENTER CAN ONLY ACCEPT PROPERLY SORTED ITEMS. PLEASE NOTE...

PLASTIC	CARDBOARD & PAPER
<p>The City Sanitation Yard can only accept the following plastic items, and THEY MUST BE SORTED BY #1 and #2 (clear and cloudy plastic cannot be mixed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">#1 Clear plastic bottles (water bottles)#1 Clear colored plastic bottles (soda bottles)#2 Cloudy plastic jugs (milk or juice jugs) <p>We CANNOT accept:</p> <p>Heavy plastics (ex. detergent jugs), prescription bottles or shopping bags</p>	<p>PLEASE separate your cardboard and paper.</p> <p>What's considered cardboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Brown paper bagsCardboard boxesToilet paper rollsFile folders <p>Paper we can accept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">White paper (ex. copy paper)Newspaper <p>We CANNOT accept:</p> <p>Slick-surfaced paper (magazines, calendars, etc.), books of any kind (hard or paper back), spiral bound notebooks</p>

RECYCLING HOURS
1st Saturday of the Month
8 a.m.-2 noon
Tuesdays
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

City Sanitation Yard, 21st & Maple





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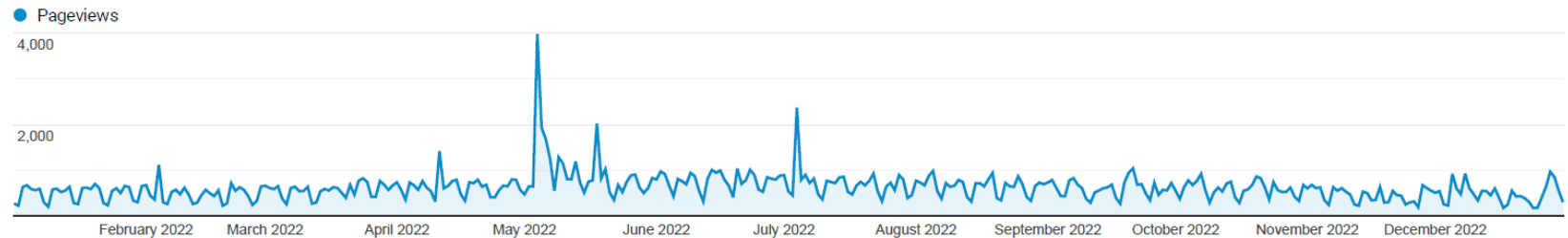


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PLANNING & ZONING



2022 Planning Commission

Processed 6 Rezoning Requests	Planning Commission	City Commission
<i>1320 W Maple M-2 to C-2</i>	Recommended 06/07/22	Approved Ord. 4392
<i>Independence Municipal Airport County I-1 to City M-2</i>	Recommended 09/ 06/2022	Approved Ord. 4412
<i>211 Taylor Road R-1 to C-1</i>	Recommended 11/01/22	Approved Ord. 4419
<i>701 Taylor Road R-1 to C-1</i>	Recommended 12/06/22	Approved Ord. 4420
<i>600, 606, 610 W Main R-3 to C-2</i>	Recommended 12/06/22	Approved Ord. 4421
<i>2500 W Laurel C-4 to M-2</i>	Recommended 09/06/22	Approved Ord. 4422

PLANNING & ZONING



2022 Planning Commission

Processed 7 Conditional Use Permits	Planning Commission	City Commission
<i>436 Pearl Street "Daycare"</i>	Recommended 07/05/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-034
<i>103 North Penn Ave "Single-family and multifamily dwellings in a C-3 district" (1st fl apartment)</i>	Recommended 08/02/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-043
<i>201 West Main Street "Message Services"</i>	Recommended 10/04/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-056
<i>305 South 10th Street "Short-term rentals not elsewhere listed" (Air BnB)</i>	Recommended 11/01/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-060
<i>113 West Laurel Street "Single-family and multifamily dwellings in a C-3 district" (1st fl apts)</i>	Recommended 08/03/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-061
<i>107-109 East Main Street "Coffee Roasting"</i>	Recommended 11/01/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-062
<i>504-506 South 10th Street (Antiques-retail)"</i>	Recommended 12/06/22	Approved Res. No. 2022-065

PLANNING & ZONING



2022 Planning Commission

Processed 4 Text Amendments	Planning Commission	City Commission
<i>Appendix B. Zoning including, but not limited to Appendix A. "Tiny Houses"</i>	Recommended 03/01/2022	Approved Ord. 4383
<i>Appendix B. Zoning to Appendix A. "Upper Story Dwellings" to add as a permitted use in a C-3 district</i>	Recommended 04/05/2022	Approved Ord. 4389
<i>Appendix B Zoning relating to "Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Home Parks"</i>	Recommended 07/05/2021	Approved Ord. 4410
<i>Appendix B. Zoning relating to "Coffee Roasting"</i>	Recommended 14/04/2022	Approved Ord. 4413

PLANNING & ZONING



2022 Planning Commission

Processed 1 Moratorium	Planning Commission	City Commission
<i>Moratorium on the enforcement of Appendix A relating to "Upper Story Dwelling" in a C-3</i>	Recommended 03/01/2022	Approved Ord. 4389
Processed 1 Minor Plat	Planning Commission	City Commission
<i>Heckman's Landing</i>	N/A	Approved 10/26/2022

PLANNING & ZONING



2022 Board of Appeals Approvals

Processed 7 Variances	Board of Zoning Appeals
<i>100 North 10th Street (exceed number of signs)</i>	Approved 02/01/2022
<i>1222 North 2nd Street (decrease the setback)</i>	Approved 02/01/2022
<i>102-106 South Peter Pan Rd (reduce minimum tenant square footage in a C-4 district)</i>	Approved 08/09/2022
<i>2500 West Laurel Street (setbacks)</i>	Approved 09/06/2022
<i>401 West Main Street (exceed number of signs)</i>	Approved 09/06/2022
<i>113 East Myrtle Street (exceed number and size of signs)</i>	Tabled to 02/07/2023
<i>701 Taylor Road (permanent occupancy as housekeeping units)</i>	Approved 12/06/2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)



*Chair, Chuck Goad
Vice-chair, Wayne Stephany
Secretary, Paul Yaroslaski*

1st Tuesday of the month, 3:30 pm

Policies	Economic Development Advisory Board	City Commission
Established a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant	Recommended 03/01/2022	Approved Res. No. 2022-03

GRANT PROGRAMS



Considering a home improvement project this summer?

CITY GRANT PROGRAMS CAN HELP

NEIGHBORHOOD EXTERIOR

Grant Program

Designed for residents living in the City's designated Revitalization Districts, this grant provides up to 50 percent reimbursement for neighbors who work together to improve their properties. Homeowner investment from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in qualifying exterior projects may qualify for reimbursement.

Qualifying improvements include façade restoration; exterior painting or siding; masonry; window and door repair or replacement; awnings; gutters; exterior lighting or electrical work; building additions; front porch repair; roofs; driveway repair or installation; landscaping (with limitations); and tree removal (with limitations).



Scan here for more details, an application and a map of the City's Revitalization Districts



Scan here to see the complete criteria and print an application form



DEMOLITION COST SHARE

Grant Program

This new program offered by the City is designed to help property owners with expenses for demolition of blighted structures in Independence. All property owners meeting the established criteria are eligible to participate in the Cost Share Program for qualified demolition projects as funding availability allows.

The program is designed to provide up to 100% reimbursement (up to \$6,000) for labor and materials for applicants who qualify as low-income; and up to 50% reimbursement (up to \$3,000) for applicants who do not meet the low-income criteria.

INDEPENDENCE LAND BANK



2022 Land Bank Board Members:

Gary Hogsett

John Heckman

Lori Wesselowski

Mary Jo Wallis

Shelley Hudson

Lisa Richard

Jeri Hammerschmidt

Parcel Inventory:

201 East Main Street



ADMINISTRATION



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ★ Fed Ex Distribution Plant - construction completed
- ★ Precision Railway Expansion - construction started
- ★ Wayfinding Signs installed
- ★ RHID established, received KHRC grant for Jefferson Subdivision, pending BASE grant
- ★ Allocated all funds for Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program
- ★ Partnered with County and Cities for possible EDA Grant for Comprehensive Plan which has been budgeted for 2023
- ★ Worked with the Chamber and Main Street to partner with the State to secure hosting the 2023 Kansas Preservation Conference

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ★ Maintenance model and multi-year plan for streets is drafted
- ★ Completed new Fire/EMS station
- ★ Electronic information on storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water lines is entered into GIS
- ★ Zoo Master Plan is completed
- ★ Building D energy savings is completed
- ★ Planned water treatment, water distribution and sanitary sewer projects designs are completed.
- ★ Central Park Design bid documents completed

STRATEGIC PLAN

- ★ The Commission and staff set goals for 2022 at the Annual Strategic Planning Session (see 2022 goals and accomplishments on the Planning Retreat slides)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ★ **Hired new Airport Supervisor Aaron Shrader**
- ★ **Commission approved adding two additional holidays for 2023**
- ★ **Started ad campaign to fill positions in Public Safety**
- ★ **Reduced insurance waiting period for new employees**
- ★ **Modified work shifts and City Hall hours to provide employees more flexibility and work-life balance**

COMMUNICATIONS

- ★ **Launched Civic Clerk in 2022 which provides City agenda information and City meeting livestreams via the City website**
- ★ **Quarterly Newsletter continued throughout 2022**
- ★ **Website Refresh was in process throughout 2022 to be launched in early 2023**

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION



Intention Statement One: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Establish an environment where businesses succeed while also growing the community.

Guiding Principles

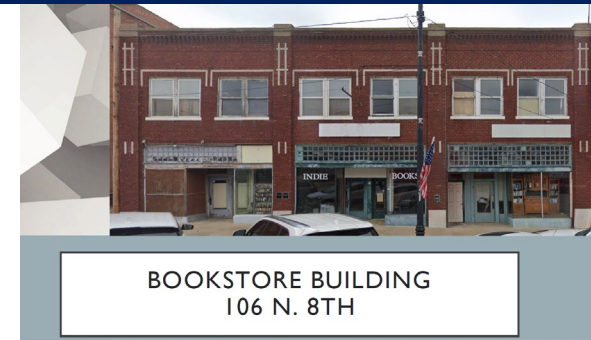
- Coordinate with Economic Development Advisory Board
- Collaboration with stakeholders (Independence Housing Authority to develop housing).
- Leverage ARPA funding where possible to minimize budgetary impact.

Measures of Success/Deliverables

- Business
 - Retain and expand existing business.
 - VSE
 - Precision
 - Recruit new businesses
 - Fed Ex
 - Small Business development and recruitment with BEST
 - Building Permit – Value (\$6,057,771 Commercial New Construction)

• Housing

- New housing construction has begun the process
 - Trident – Upper Story Housing
 - RHID Established
 - Received a KHRC Grant for Jefferson Subdivision
 - Pending BASE Grant Application
 - New House (1)
 - Building Permit – Value (\$518,555 Residential New Construction)
- Rehabilitated existing housing
 - Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program – All funds allocated for 2022
 - Housing Authority participated with CMIH for Love Independence Day to improve four houses
- Comprehensive Plan
 - Planning process has started
 - Budgeted for 2023
 - Partnering with County and Cities for possible EDA Grant



Intention Statement Two: RETAIN AND RECRUIT EMPLOYEES

Recruit and retain a strong workforce.

Guiding Principles

- Each person is different.
- Help employees save money.

Measures of Success/Deliverables

- Reduced turnover
 - Public Safety Departments have been our biggest challenge
 - Ad campaign started to fill positions
 - Employees are citing wages, particularly EMT and Paramedic
- Improved Employee satisfaction
 - Changed insurance waiting period
 - Added two additional holidays for 2023
 - Mission, Vision and Values for all Police & Fire-EMS Departments
 - 4% COLA vs. 2% COLA/2% Merit
 - Modified work shifts
 - Finance
 - Public Works
 - Code Enforcement/Animal Control



STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION



Intention Statement Three: INFRASTRUCTURE

Maintain City investment for reliable infrastructure at the lowest total cost to our citizens.

Guiding Principles

- Engineering standards, regulations, records, history, quality metrics
- Projects should be prioritized based on perceived public needs
- Budget
- Revenue

Measures of Success/Deliverables

- Maintenance Model and Multi-Year Plan for Streets is drafted
 - The plan is drafted for 2023
- Electronic information on storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water lines is entered into GIS
 - Completed
- An evaluation of what other cities do is completed
 - Not Completed
- Collection of data on existing infrastructure has commenced
 - This work is in progress
- Zoo Master Plan is completed
 - December 2022 approved
- Building D energy savings is completed
 - Completed 2022
- Planned Water Treatment, Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer projects are completed
 - Design is completed and moving towards bidding and construction for 2023



WAYFINDING SIGNS



Wayfinding Signs were installed in 2022

MANY THANKS

TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT!

- City of Independence
- Independence Chamber of Commerce/ Convention & Visitors Bureau
- FORPAZ
- Independence Recreation Commission
- Textron Aviation
- Independence Main Street
- Independence Optimist Club
- Independence Rotary Club
- Independence Community College
- Independence Action Partnership

And thank you, Citizens, for showing your support and community pride!

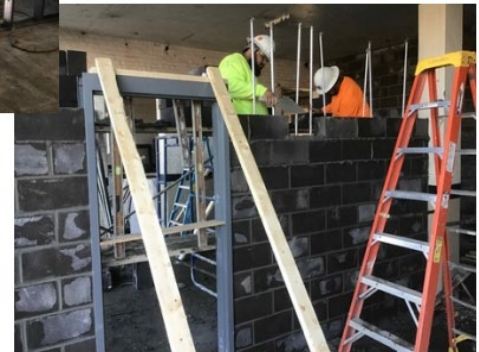


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CONSTRUCTION

Phase II Rehabilitation of 1916 City Hall began

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I'm
relocating!

**LOOK FOR ME IN THE
SEMI-CIRCLE DRIVE
OUTSIDE THE
INDEPENDENCE
CIVIC CENTER.**



In order to make way for continued renovation work at the 1916 City Hall property, early next week, the City's payment drop box currently located on Myrtle Street will be permanently relocated. The new location will be inside the semi-circle drive at the entrance to Independence Civic Center off Locust Street.

A second drop box will continue to be maintained at the current City Hall location, 811 W. Laurel, as long as City offices remain in that facility.

Fire/EMS Addition



GROUNDBREAKING

Independence Fire/EMS Apparatus Bay Expansion

04.25.2022 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome
Dean Hayse, Mayor

Remarks
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief
Chris Birkenmaier, TreanorHL architects
Todd Dumler, McCownGordon Construction

Groundbreakers

Dean Hayse, Mayor
Tim Emert, Vice Mayor
Louis Ysusi, City Commissioner
Kelly Passauer, City Manager
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief
Chris Birkenmaier, TreanorHL architects
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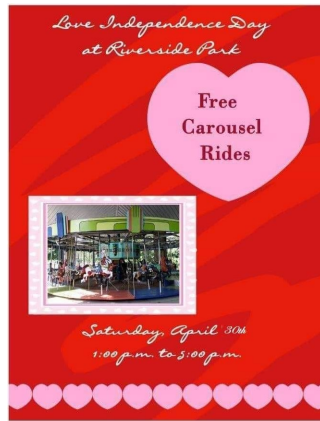


Construction completed in December, 2022.

LOVE INDEPENDENCE DAY



Saturday, April 30, 2022



Riverside Park offered free carousel rides on Saturday, April 30th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



The Fire Department helped paint houses.



The Community and Lions Club made improvements at the Park and Zoo.



JIM KELLY DAY



The Commission presented a proclamation to Jim Kelly declaring August 8, 2022 as Jim Kelly Day in appreciation of his many contributions, including his service representing Independence in the Kansas House of Representatives for 12 years and for raising funds for the July 4th Fireworks Display for 31 years.

City Hall Hours Changed



NEW HOURS

BEGINNING JULY 5

City Hall Business Hours

MON-THURS

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

FRIDAY

8 a.m.-12 noon



SERVICE AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE SERVICE MILESTONES

35 YEARS

DAVID COWAN
Assistant City Manager

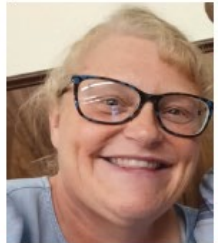
David began his career with the City in December 1986. He has since served as EMS Captain and Director, Public Safety Director and was appointed to his current role in September 2020.



25 YEARS

JUDY SHANER
Municipal Court Clerk

Judy began employment with the City in 1996 as a dispatcher/records clerk for the Police Department. After several advancements, she assumed her current role in March 2018.

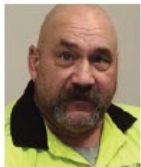


20 YEARS



L to R,
KENNY FARMER, Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator
APRIL NUTT, Indep. Housing Authority Director
LARRY MOORE, Water Plant Operator II

15 YEARS



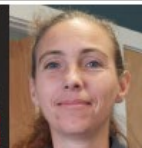
L to R,
CHARLIE BENEDICT, Animal Control Officer
MICHAEL BREWER, Sanitation Dept. Thrower

10 YEARS



STEPHEN MELTON, Sanitation Department Supervisor

5 YEARS



SHANE COLLINS IPD Sergeant
CRYSTAL ELLIS Park Staff/Zookeeper
KIRBY FERRELL Water Plant Treater
JON JOHNSON Fire/EMS Lieutenant
BRIAN MCHUGH Mem. Hall Supv.
SHAWN WALLIS Fire/EMS Chief



2022 RETIREMENTS



Richard Hawk,
Street Department
– 13 Years

Steve Elder,
Water/Sewer
Department
– 5 Years

Help us Celebrate
RICHARD HAWK

upon his retirement
after 13+ years of service!



THURSDAY, JUNE 30

1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

City Hall Front Lobby

Cake, Stories & Well Wishes





Thank You...