



What's Happening

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The holidays are upon us!

Ready to make some great memories? Parks, Recreation, and Tourism has many activities planned for you to create those memorable moments with those you cherish most throughout the holidays. Checkout a few of those to add to your calendar below!

For the latest information on events, rescheduling, or cancelations, be sure to follow the [PRT Facebook page](#). You will find great information and details on our other pages too!

- [George Owens Nature Park](#)
- [Independence Uptown Market](#)

You can find a calendar of these events on the [City's website here](#).



Living Windows is made possible by the Independence Square Association

Join us on Friday, December 1, for an annual tradition -- our windows around the historic square come to life with sounds and scenes from the holidays. Enjoy the magic of feeling like you're in a scene from a holiday movie,

stroll through a historic downtown and watch the windows come to life with dancers, singers, musicians, actors, and more. This happens only one night a year!

4pm – 8pm Christmas Market at Liberty Lounge – vendors & concessions in an outdoor urban park at 110 S. Liberty St, just 1/2 block south of Blue Ridge Bank.

6pm – 8pm Living Windows performances – including Kansas City Women's Chorus, talking reindeer, hand bell choir, live scenes from classic plays and movies, visits with Santa, and much more.

All roads will be closed to traffic during the performances. We will have a limited number of golf carts that will take mobility challenged guests through our streets to see the windows.

A promotional graphic for 'TODDLER TOWN'. The background shows two young girls jumping joyfully on a colorful play structure. The text is overlaid on the left side. At the top, 'TODDLER TOWN' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below that, 'TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS | \$2/child' and 'OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH' are written in smaller white text. A yellow banner at the bottom left contains '10AM-12PM' in bold black letters. On the right side, the 'INDEPENDENCE' logo (a stylized flame over a star) is shown above the text 'INDEPENDENCE' and '★PARKS★RECREATION★TOURISM★' in white.

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A theater poster with a dark red background and a gold border decorated with green lights. The text is centered and reads: 'Children's Performing Theatre of Independence presents' in a cursive font, followed by 'THE ONE & ONLY SANTA CLAUS' in large yellow letters, 'AND' in green, and 'A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS' in large yellow letters. At the bottom, it says 'at the Roger T Sermon Center' in a smaller white font.

Children's Performing Theatre of Independence presents

**THE ONE &
ONLY SANTA CLAUS**

AND

**A CHARLIE BROWN
CHRISTMAS**

at the Roger T Sermon Center

Come see the live holiday classics, "The One and Only Santa Claus" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" by the Children's Performing Theatre on the Powerhouse Theatre stage at the Roger T. Sermon Center! Shows are Friday, Dec 1, at 7 PM; Saturday, December 2, at 7 PM, Sunday, December 3, at 2 PM; Friday, December 8, at 7 PM; Saturday, December 9, at 7 PM; and Sunday, December 10, at 2 PM. Ticket pricing varies.



Visit the Vaile Mansion on Saturday, December 2, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM, to experience beautiful Christmas decor while sipping champagne or sparkling water and enjoying appetizers at our annual Champagne and Chandeliers Event. Tour guides will lead you through the Mansion sharing the background of this wonderful piece of history. This is a ticketed event. To purchase a ticket, contact the Vaile Mansion.



Let us not forget -- the City of Independence has joined the Independence Pioneers, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Commerce Bank to participate in the National Wreaths Across America Event. Join us Saturday, December 16, at 11 AM at Woodlawn Cemetery for Wreaths Across America to honor and remember those who sacrificed and served our Country.



SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE CONCERT BAND **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



PURCHASE & DECORATE WOODEN HOLIDAY SWEATERS



Get creative and decorate a sweater for the holidays

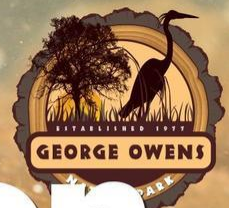
We're decorating the trails at George Owens Nature Park with your help! Holiday wooden sweaters are available. The wooden cutouts are \$15 each and benefit the Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity. You can pick up your cutout at the Independence (505 N. Dodgion) and Blue Springs (1219 NW 7 Highway) Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity locations.

Please drop off your decorated sweater cutout to George Owens Nature Park at the DeWitt Center (1601 S. Speck Rd) no later than Tuesday, December 5, from 9 AM – 4:45 PM.

George Owens Nature Park Events and Activities

If you're looking for outdoor fun -- George Owens Nature Park has you covered! There are great events and activities planned throughout the month. Check them out below.

Wildlife Conservation Day



Dec 2
1-2PM

Winter Solstice Torch-Lit Hike

December 6 | 5-7PM

at George Owens Nature Park



Come see the unveiling of the holiday sweaters, decorated by the community, along the paved Butterfly Trail on Wednesday, December 6, from 5-7 PM at George Owens Nature Park for the 20th Annual Winter Solstice Torch-Lit Hike. We will have hot cocoa, ice sculptures, birds of prey, and more! Call (816) 325-7115 for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREES & PINECONES



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16
1-2PM
BUILD & TAKE
HOME A SMALL
CONE FEEDER!**



WINTER TRAIL DECEMBER 7 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2024



Enjoy the winter season at George Owens Nature Park on the Winter Trails! Holiday sweaters will be on display December 7 through February 1, 2024, on the paved Butterfly Trail.

Independence Uptown Market Events and Activities

Independence Uptown Market has wonderful events and activities throughout December. Stop in for a visit to our many programs.



SIP & SHOP

Uptown Holiday Market

DECEMBER 9



10AM-2PM

*Handmade Gifts From Local Makers
Gourmet Artisinal • Holiday DIY Station
Drinks, Snacks + More!*



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Winter Market

First Saturday of the Month | December through April

9AM-1PM



Join us on the first Saturday of the month for the Winter Market, December through April, from 9 AM to 1 PM!

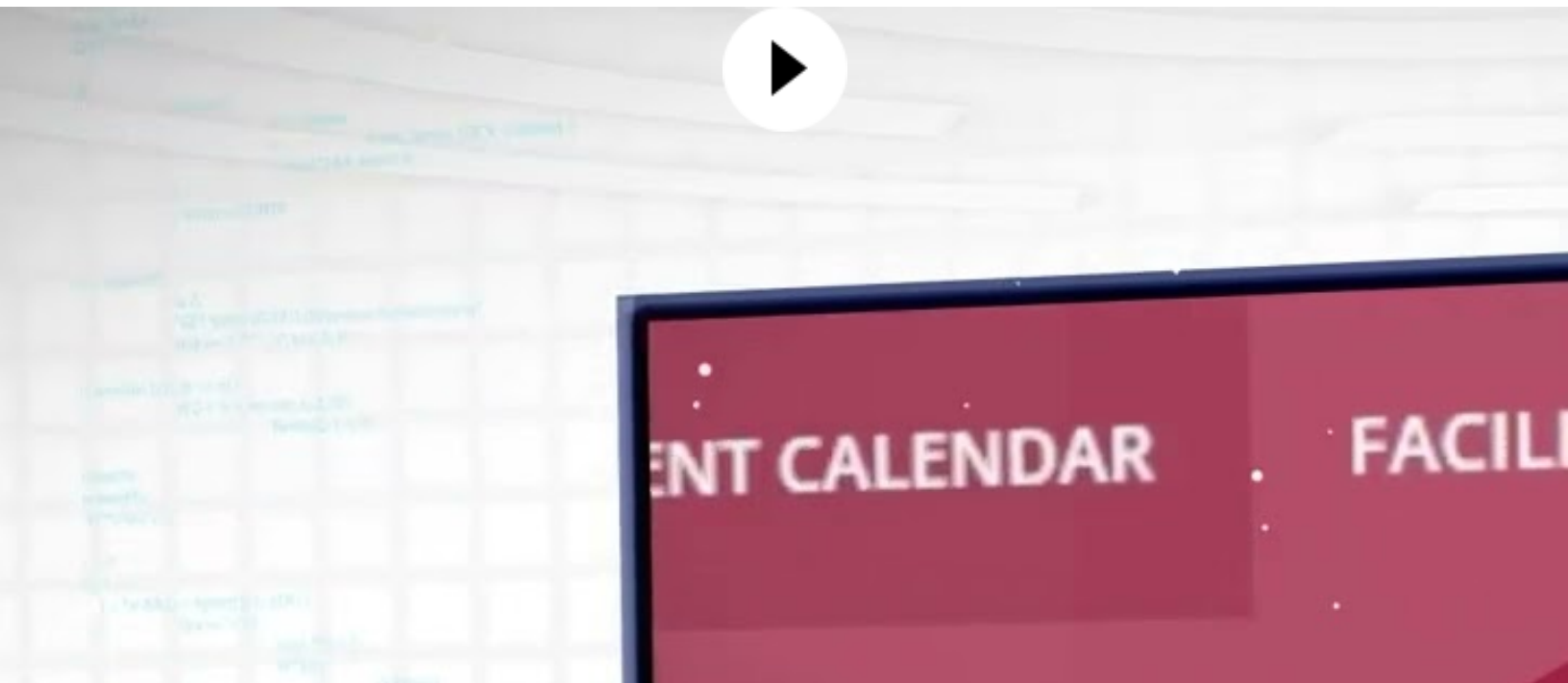
Outdoor Weather Safety: Severe Weather, Sleet, Hail, Freezing Rain, and Snow



December can be downright chilly with the potential for severe weather. Be weather wise and check the forecast before heading outdoors. December storms can bring snow, sleet, hail, and freezing rain to the area. Remember these helpful tips before heading outdoors:

- It is important to know the signs and symptoms of weather-related illnesses. Here are the symptoms for hyperthermia to be on the look out for:
 - confusion
 - shivering
 - difficulty speaking
 - sleepiness
 - stiff muscles
- If there's Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- Caught outdoors in a wintery storm?
 - Find Shelter.
 - Cover exposed body parts.
 - Melt snow for drinking.
 - Exercise occasionally.
- Be sure your phone is charged before going on outdoor activities.
- Check the weather before going on outdoor activities.
- Check our [City](#) and [PRT](#) social media pages for information on severe weather updates.

Did you know you can pay and register online?





The Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department offers online registration for many of our facilities, activities, and programs throughout the year. Please click on the following link to access our WebTrac online registration system. It is simple, secure, and convenient. Get started here, webtrac.indepmo.org



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