Independence welcomes the opportunity to be your host for an overnight stay or your next conference or convention. For more information please visit our website or give us a call!

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Riverside Park & Ralph Mitchell Zoo
Riverside Park – This 124-acre showcase located at Penn & Oak Streets features playgrounds, shelter houses, a miniature golf course, carousel, miniature train, the aquatic center, fairgrounds and Shulthis Stadium. Riverside Park is open from 8 a.m. to midnight through the summer. Admission is free. The Mid-Continent Band plays at the band shell every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. through the summer. Admission is free. Ralph Mitchell Zoo – Located next to Riverside Park, the zoo provides natural habitat for a wide variety of animals including bears, monkeys and an assortment of birds. Admission is free.

Call (620)332-2512. Visit their website at www.forpaz.com

Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center
Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center is the spot for summer fun and relaxation! Located at Penn & Oak Streets, the outdoor aquatic center is a 12,775 square foot facility home to water slides, a leisure pool, 388,979 gallons of water and lots of family fun all summer long! The pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For days and hours of operation call (620) 331-4620 during the summer months or visit their website at www.indyrec.com.

Golf
Independence Country Club
2824 Country Club Circle
(620) 331-1270
Sycamore Valley Golf Course
6 miles north on Highway 75
(620) 331-2828

Hiking Trails
Elk City State Park
5 miles NW of Independence
(620)331-0269

Theatre
Independence Cinemas
121 W. Laurel
(620) 331-6892

Swimming Pools
Ash Youth Center (indoor)
1501 N 10th
(620) 331-0260
Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center
Park & Oak Streets
(620) 331-0260

Skate Boarding
Skateboard Park
Penn Ave. & Railroad St.

Tennis
Ken Brown Tennis Courts
Riverside Park
Park & Oak Streets
(620) 332-2512

Recreation Center
Ash Youth Center
1501 N 10th
(620) 331-0260

Ball Parks
Sports Complex
911 N. Park
ARCO Sports Complex
700 S. 10th

Miniature Golf
Riverside Park
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Settling along the banks of the Verdigris River, our founding fathers made the decision that the community they started should bear its name and the spirit that prompted its establishment, namely: Independence. From our beautiful tree-lined streets and historic downtown district, to our strong industrial base and our many great attractions, we are extremely proud of our community. Everyone comes together to make Independence a great place to visit as well as live and work. What is it about Independence that makes it so great? Here are just a few things that we have to offer to residents and visitors.

One of the city’s most valued cultural attractions, the museum and art center has more than 20 rooms filled with invaluable antiques and unique artwork. Located at 123 N. 8th, it is open Tues.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $3.00. The Landon Center is the renovated historical home of former Kansas Governor Alf Landon and will be used as a political research center. The home is located at 300 S. 8th Street. Call (620) 331-3151.

Independence is proud to be the home of the State’s oldest and largest annual celebration! Held the last full week of October, Neewollah’s musical stage shows, carnival, concessions, entertainment and grand parade attract more than 60,000 visitors each year. Visit www.neewollah.com or call (620) 331-1890.

Legend has it that in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Independence had more millionaires per capita than any place else in the United States. Standing as testimonies to that legend are the stately mansions and historic homes that line its streets. Independence is also home to a recently renovated and expanded Carnegie Library. Visit our Historic Downtown District and pick up a Historic Homes Tour Brochure at the Chamber of Commerce Office located at 322 N. Penn Ave. or call (620) 331-1890.

Throughout our community – in the downtown district, at the museum, the Civic Center and Independence Carnegie Library, and around Riverside Park – stand beautiful statues, street clocks and pedestrian benches donated by many residents of Independence, past and present. The locations of these gifts have been published in a brochure available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 322 N. Penn, or call (620) 331-1890.

Independence plays host to a variety of attractions and events including the spring opening of the Downtown Independence Farmers Market, summertime fun at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center and fall opening of Reichenberger’s Pumpkin Patch. Please visit our website at www.indkschamber.org for a calendar of events and attraction information or call (620) 331-1890.