

## FAMILY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Little Princess Ball



Hear ye, hear ye...princesses ages 5-10 are invited to attend the fourth annual Little Princess Ball. Dress in your prettiest gown and attend with your knight (father figure) to enjoy a night of enchantment and fun. There will be music, dancing, appetizers, face painting, prizes and more! Get your tickets at the Truman Memorial Building now! No ticket sales at the door. See registration information below.

**Date** Oct 15  
**Day** Sat  
**Time** 6 - 8 p.m.  
**Fee** \$30 a couple  
 \$15 for each additional participant

**Age** 5 - 10 (princesses)  
**Location** Truman Memorial Building  
*Extended registration deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, October 7.*

### Pumpkins in the Park

Children and their families are invited to decorate their own pumpkin for Halloween and listen to stories by the River and Prairie Storyweavers group. Pumpkins and decorating supplies provided to the first 300 youth. Call (816) 325-7370 for details.

Date	Day	Time	Location
Oct 18	Tue	4:30-6 p.m.	Fairmount Community Center, 217 S. Cedar
Oct 22	Sat	4:30-6 p.m.	Mystic Pumpkin Festival, 10922 E. Winner Rd.
Oct 25	Tue	4:30-6 p.m.	Cler-Mont Park, 19009 E. Susquehanna Ridge

**Fee** These are free events  
**Age** All ages are welcome



### Mystic Pumpkin Festival

Join Parks and Recreation staff at this fun family festival including:

- \* Free Pumpkin Decorating (4:30 - 6 p.m.)
- \* Live Music with Drum Safari (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)
- \* Haunted Fire Truck Rides (6:30 - 9 p.m.)
- \* Carnival Games (25 cents per game)

This program is sponsored by the Englewood Business Association and Independence Parks and Recreation. Please call (816) 325-7115 or (816) 252-3372 for details.

**Date** Oct 22  
**Day** Sat  
**Time** 2 - 9 p.m. (till the ghosts go home)  
**Location** Englewood Business District  
 10922 E. Winner Rd.



### Enchanted Forest Celebrating 20 Years



You are invited to visit this non-scary event sponsored by the Powerhouse Theatre Foundation and Independence Parks and Recreation. Along the trails of George Owens Nature Park, children will be transported into the "Enchanted Forest." Storybook, popular movie characters and fairy tales come to life as groups are guided along candlelit trails. The adventure ends with an old fashioned hayride past the park's lakes and a special anniversary surprise. For information call (816) 325-7115 or (816) 325-7370.

**Day/Dates** Fri, Oct 21 & 28  
 Sat, Oct 22 & 29  
**Time** 7 - 9 p.m.  
**Fee** \$3 per person at the gate  
**Location** George Owens Nature Park

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### Itty Bitty Campout



Pack up your tent and bring the kids to the nature park for their first overnight campout. Staff will assist parents at the campground. Call (816) 325-7843 to make reservations.

<b>Dates</b>	Oct 7 - 8
<b>Day</b>	Fri night to Sat morning
<b>Time</b>	5 p.m. - 9 a.m.
<b>Fee</b>	\$10 per participant
<b>Age</b>	Families with children up to age 8
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park

### 29th Annual Best Little Arts and Crafts Show in Independence

You don't want to miss the 29th year of this local favorite. Both local and regional vendors combine to make this event one of the area's largest pre-holiday shows. More than 120 booths offer a wide variety of wares. Jewelry, art, hand-poured candles, Christmas and other holiday decorations, floral arrangements, and many other items fill the four floors of the Sermon Center.

<b>Dates</b>	Nov 18 & 19
<b>Days</b>	Fri & Sat
<b>Times</b>	10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fri 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Location</b>	Sermon Community Center

### Mayor's Christmas Carnival



Celebrate the season with this annual Christmas event hosted by your Independence Parks & Recreation Department. Join Mayor Don Reimal as we enjoy a variety of games and activities. Balloon creations, popular carnival games, face painting and other surprises await you. Each child will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a bag of treats. Bring your camera if you would like a picture with Santa.

<b>Date</b>	Dec 3
<b>Day</b>	Sat
<b>Time</b>	9 a.m. - Noon
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Age</b>	1 - 9
<b>Location</b>	Sermon Community Center

### 8th Annual Winter Solstice Torch Lit Hike



Enjoy the beginning of winter with a walk along a beautiful torch lit path to learn about the day we receive the shortest amount of daylight. Bring your camera and have your picture taken in an ice sleigh, watch artists create ice sculptures, learn how animals prepare for winter, view the night sky with telescopes, and much more. Participants can warm up by the roaring outdoor fire and with a cup of hot chocolate. The first 150 participants will receive a free travel mug. Call (816) 325-7115 for additional information.

<b>Date</b>	Dec 13
<b>Day</b>	Tue
<b>Time</b>	5 - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park

### Groundhog Day Celebration

Celebrate the end of winter at the nature park. After a story, we'll watch a puppet show, make a groundhog craft, and eat a groundhog themed treat. Groundhogs are interesting native Missouri mammals that get little attention. Pre-registration required. For more information call (816) 325-7843.

<b>Date</b>	Feb 2
<b>Day</b>	Thu
<b>Time</b>	10 - 11 a.m.
<b>Fee</b>	\$1 person
<b>Ages</b>	2 - 5
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park



### 8th Annual "Power Palooza"



Spend a cold Saturday in February at this carnival. Bring the whole family and enjoy the festive atmosphere at Power Palooza. Play carnival games, get your face painted, watch a puppet show, bounce around in the bounce house and enjoy cotton candy. Purchase tickets at the door for the games and activities.

<b>Date</b>	Feb 4
<b>Day</b>	Sat
<b>Time</b>	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Fee</b>	Purchase tickets for activities
<b>Location</b>	Sermon Community Center

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### Geo-Quest Fall Edition



This popular summer adventure expands to the fall with new parks and more challenging caches. Geo-Quest is a great outdoor adventure for the whole family. Pick up a manifest at George Owens Nature Park, visit all 10 parks and return the completed manifest to the nature center for a prize.

<b>Date</b>	Oct 1 - Nov 30
<b>Day</b>	Tue - Sun
<b>Time</b>	Regular Park Hours
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Age</b>	All
<b>Location</b>	10 Different Independence Parks

### Plein Air Event



Plein Air (en Plein Aire is French and was popularized during the Impressionist era.) A Plein Air event means that the artists work on site from real life not a photograph. Travel to George Owens Nature Park to watch artists as they turn views of the natural areas of the park into great pieces of artwork. Stop by during your lunch break or any time during the event hours to watch the artists at work. This event is open to all artists.

Artist Registration: Erlene Flowers (816)524-2155 or [erleneflowers@gmail.com](mailto:erleneflowers@gmail.com)

General Event Information: (816) 325-7951

<b>Date</b>	TBA
<b>Day</b>	TBA
<b>Time</b>	TBA
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Age</b>	All
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park

### Want to find a park?

Visit the park map locator at:  
<http://independencemo.org/parksandrec/parksmap.aspx>

### Interested in a walking trail?

Find your nearest trail at:  
<http://independencemo.org/parksandrec/TrailsMap.aspx>

### Weed Warriors

George Owens Nature Park needs your help in the battle against exotic plants. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Organized groups are welcome. Please call ahead at (816) 325-7115 if you're bringing a group.



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<b>Day</b>	Sat
<b>Time</b>	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Fee</b>	Free
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park

### Valentines for Pets

Come decorate a special valentine for your pet. You can choose to paint a valentine card or bandana. Supplies will be provided. Please leave your pets at home to surprise them with their gift. Registration is required by Wednesday, February 8. Call (816) 325-7843 to register or for more information.

<b>Date</b>	Feb 11
<b>Day</b>	Sat
<b>Time</b>	2 p.m.
<b>Fee</b>	\$2 per pet valentine
<b>Age</b>	4 and older
<b>Location</b>	Truman Memorial Building



### Art in the Park: Robert Elton Tindall Exhibit

Independence Art Association, Inc., in partnership with Independence Parks & Recreation, cordially invites you to the 4th Annual Robert E. Tindall Scholarship Art Show and Sale. This event features an original painting by Robert E. Tindall. Commemorative prints of the painting and other Independence Art Association artist works and prints will be offered for sale at the reception, with proceeds to The Robert E. Tindall Scholarship Fund. For information visit: [www.independencartassociation.org](http://www.independencartassociation.org) or call (816) 325-7115.

#### Art Show

<b>Dates</b>	Mar 7 - 29 regular park hours
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park
<b>Fee</b>	Free

#### Reception

<b>Dates</b>	Mar 10 and Mar 24
<b>Time</b>	1 - 4 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	George Owens Nature Park

