

Hot Weather to Hit Independence

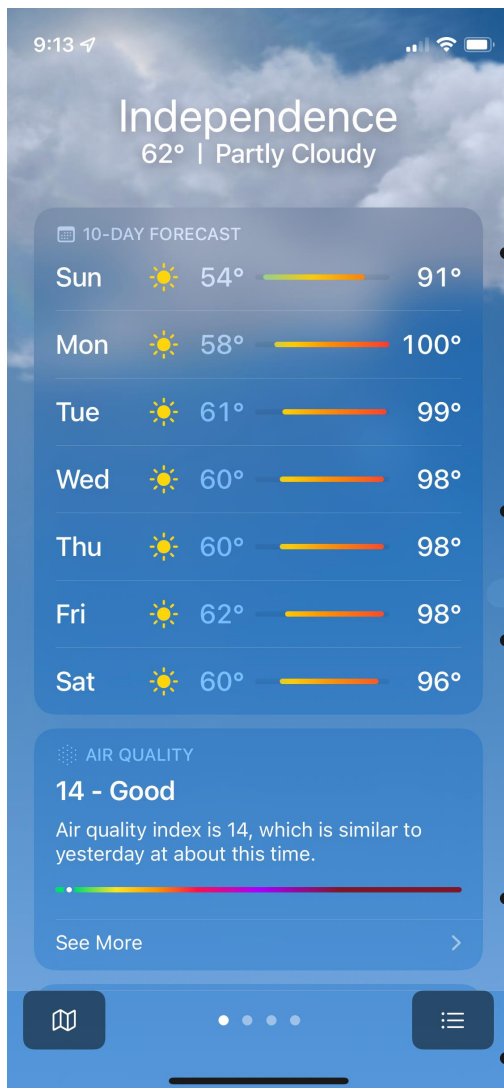
River City Briefs

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Prolonged Hot Weather to Hit Independence



With a long stretch of hot weather aimed at Independence over the next week, we would like to share some tips from the Polk County Emergency Management website:

- **Slow down:** reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day. Children, seniors, and anyone with health problems should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.
- **Dress for the weather:** Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing to reflect heat.
- **Eat light:** Choose easy-to-digest foods such as fruit or salads. If you pack food, put it in a cooler or carry an ice pack. Don't leave it sitting in the sun. Meats and dairy products can spoil quickly in hot weather.
- **Drink plenty of water (not very cold):** Focus on non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids.
- **Use air conditioners:** Spend time in air-conditioned locations such as malls and libraries if your home isn't air-conditioned.

- **Use portable electric fans:** Fans exhaust hot air from rooms or draw in

cooler air. Do not direct the flow of portable electric fans toward yourself when the room temperature is hotter than 90°F. The dry blowing air will dehydrate you faster, endangering your health.

- Minimize direct exposure to the sun. Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat.
- Take a cool bath or shower.
- Do not take salt tablets: Only take salt tablets if recommended by a physician.
- Be aware of infants, older, sick, or frail people, and pets. Each year, dozens of children and untold numbers of pets left in parked vehicles die from hyperthermia. NEVER leave children, disabled adults, or pets in a car.
- Protect your electronics: Don't leave cell phones and GPS units sitting in hot cars.

Finally, if you are looking for a convenient place to cool down, visit the Independence Public Library. To find their hours and more information, click the button below.

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[Full Summer Series Schedule](#)

Oregon Lottery Showcases the "Speed of Independence"

Earlier this year, the **Oregon Lottery**, in partnership with **Business Oregon**, sent a video production team to our quaint river city to help tell the redevelopment story about Independence Landing, formerly known as the Valley Concrete site.

Oregon Lottery dollars helped prep the site—foundational work like removing asbestos and building streets and utilities. Additional grants were awarded to help develop the riverfront facilities. Over \$4 million in lottery funds have been provided in bonds and grants through Business Oregon to help with development and construction—not to mention another \$415,000 lottery grant through Oregon Parks & Recreation to develop the scenic riverfront park portion of the project.

In addition to providing much needed additional housing, the project is paying off in other ways; it's predicted that Independence Landing will spur between \$3.5 million and \$4 million worth of visitor spending each year, along with \$2.5 million in yearly spending by residents. It's also expected to create between 40 and 65 construction jobs a year, along with as many as 30 jobs at the hotel—a big project that, thanks in part to lottery dollars, is truly a win-win for Independence residents, present and future.

To learn more and to watch the video, click the button below.

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Five Things to Know About Independence's Fiscal Year Budget 2022-23

Ever been curious about what is in the City of Independence budget?

Check out our video above to learn how our city is working to create a safer, more accessible, and forward-thinking community for all our residents.

For more information on the City of Independence fiscal year budget 2022-

23, click the button below.

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Spread the word that if your friends, family or co-workers sign up for the city's newsletter, they are automatically entered into winning FOUR free movie tickets to our very own Independence Cinema!

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Supporting local businesses strengthens our local economy at a time when small businesses need your help most to survive the impacts of the pandemic.

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Join the Independence-Monmouth Police Departments
for Their Annual National Night Out



Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 6-8 PM
outside at
Faith Lutheran Church in Monmouth
200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy
(Across from Roth's)

For more information or business participation inquiries contact:
Sergeant Hodney at Monmouth PD
(503) 838-1109 – jhodney@ci.monmouth.or.us
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(503) 838-1214 – banuelos.juventino@ci.independence.or.us

Naturalization Ceremony Re-enacted During Independence Days Celebration



Becoming a naturalized United States citizen is no easy feat. Applicants must have had a permanent resident card for at least five years, be able to read, write, and speak basic English, complete thorough interviews, be of good moral character, and meet a multitude of other requirements. However, those who choose to venture along this path are rewarded with a gift: the freedom of being a US citizen.

On the 4th of July, three residents from Independence, Oregon publicly declared their allegiance to the United States at a reenactment of their naturalization ceremony. The families of the citizens finally got to watch the ceremony and listen to Mayor John McArdle and Representative Paul Evans give speeches about the beauties and duties of being an American citizen. An excerpt from their oath grants further weight to the significance of the ceremony: "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or

citizen...I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

For those who have never needed to recite these words, it is enlightening to see what is required of the individuals whose pursuit of a better life reminds us why the American dream remains alive in our great nation. Congratulations to our newest US citizens!

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