

Independence Police Department Recognized with Community Partnership Award

River City Briefs

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Recently, the Independence Police Department, along with the **Monmouth Police Department** and **Polk County Fire District No.1**, was presented with

the Community Partnership Recognition award by Central School District 13J.

Leading up to the first day of school, our agencies began the work of reminding our community to slow down in school zones – and that student walk zones are everywhere. We also broadcast the upcoming return to school and 20 miles per hour throughout the two cities.

The Independence Police Department is grateful to partner with our local school district to help educate the community and keep students safe.

Paul Reiter Recognized with Historic Preservation Award



The house at 360 S 3rd Street has a history in Independence that goes back almost 100 years. Built by local banker Ira Mix in 1923 after his marriage to Marie Powell, the house has since changed hands over the years and now finds itself in possession of local home improvement aficionado Paul Reiter. Paul bought the home almost 20 years ago and let it lay dormant as he worked on developing other projects throughout Independence, such as the Pink House Cafe. Once Paul discovered it was time to settle down, he finally decided to remaster the house he now calls his "retirement home."

Restoring a house while maintaining its historic character can be a tricky

act to pull off. That's why Paul sought the advice of the Historic Preservation Committee, where he was able to bring forth his project and gather guidance on how to complete his home improvement.

"I try as much as I can....and kept it as much as possible as the original house as we could," said Paul.

While he enjoys our city's scenic riverfront pathways and recent mixed-use developments, Paul's true devotion came through when asked why he continues to choose Independence.

"My family is here. I wouldn't go no place else."

At the City Council meeting of October 25, 2022, Mayor John McArdle presented the Independence Historic Preservation Commission Cairns-Weaver Award to Paul for his efforts in restoring his home.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Don't Miss Our Halloween Tricks and Treats Event



Be part of the magic and join us on **October 31, 2022, in downtown Independence 3:30 PM -5:30 PM** for our Downtown Tricks and Treats event! Stop by any participating business to receive your treats, and don't forget to check out our special entertainers performing all sorts of tricks downtown. Kids will get the opportunity to see a magician, a balloon twister, a singing clown duo who ride tall bikes, a contact juggler, a stilt walker, and more! Additionally, the Independence Public Library will be hosting a make-your-own Halloween bag for kids.

All events are **FREE** and family-friendly, so kick off your Halloween holiday festivities right in downtown Indy. A map showing all participating businesses will be available on our Facebook event page on October 29, 2022.

[Learn More Here](#)

Independence Heritage Museum Open Thanksgiving Weekend



GOT FAMILY VISITING FOR THANKSGIVING?
Bet you're excited!
Dinner on Thursday.
Recover on Friday.
WHAT TO DO ON SATURDAY!?

We've got you covered!
Visit the Heritage Museum. Free Admission.
Open Saturday from 10AM - 4PM.

[Visit Museum Website](#)

Help Keep Our Community Clean this Fall



City of Independence 2022 Leaf Pickup Program



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Leaves only, no other yard debris
- Remove leaves blocking storm drains
- Small leaf piles need to go in your yard debris can
- Cars need to be parked at least five feet from leaf piles
- Leave a minimum of one foot between curb and leaf pile and no piles in the corners of cul-de-sacs or in front of mailboxes
- Property owners are responsible for disposal of leaves after the week of December 26th

This important service is provided by your Public Works Department to reduce the impact of leaves on the City's storm water system, rivers & wetlands.

Rake leaf piles on City Streets before pickup the weeks of:

- October 24th
- November 7th
- November 14th
- November 28th
- December 12th
- December 26th

Help reduce storm water impact to our rivers & wetlands with these easy tips



Dispose of pet waste properly in your garbage can.



Wash vehicles at a carwash or in your grass. Washing on your driveway allows soap and dirty water to flow into our storm drains.



Never pour paint, oil or other liquids down storm drains.



Dispose limbs and grass clippings in your yard debris can. Do not blow them into the street or hose down the storm drain.



Thank you for using your Yard Debris can for limbs, grass clippings & extra leaves. For more information call Brandt's at 503-838-0464.

Storm water flowing into catch basins does not receive treatment before flowing into our rivers and wetlands and can impact our fish and wildlife.



Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding. When dirt, leaves, trash and debris enter storm drains, they clog the storm system and increase the chance of flooding.



During rainfall, water runs over the ground and picks up oil, pet waste and other pollutants carrying them into our storm collection system, rivers and wetlands.



Independence Civic Center to be Illuminated in Green to Honor Veterans

Shine a light of hope and support for veterans



#OperationGreenLight for Veterans | NACo.org/OperationGreenLight

This November 7th through the 13th, the Independence Civic Center will join the county initiative to illuminate our public building with green lights in honor of Veteran's Day.

This is a new national collaborative endeavor brought forth by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7th-13th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. We encourage all our residents to share their participation on social media using the hashtag

Festival Informativo Returns to St. Patrick's Church

FESTIVAL INFORMATIVO



20 de noviembre de 2022
de 12:30-2:30 p.m.

EN LA IGLESIA SAN PATRICIO
1275 E ST, INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351

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EVENTO
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Independence Veteran of the Month

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

November 2022

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

US Marine Corps

RANK:

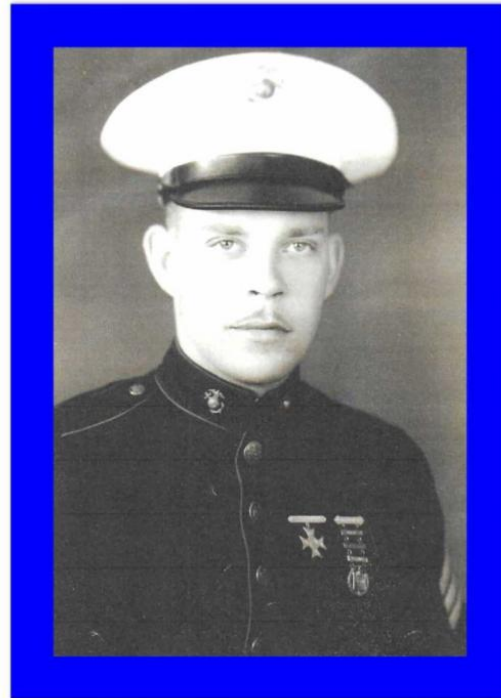
Second Lieutenant

ENTRANCE DATE:

04/16/1942

DISCHARGE DATE:

02/05/1946



Glen S. Pederson

Feb. 15, 1921 - Sept. 18, 1999

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

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