

CITY OF
INDEPENDENCE

RIVER CITY BRIEFS

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LOVE LOCAL

While supplies last, now through February 28th, LOVE local businesses by making a purchase at any of these 20 participating businesses and receive a scratch-it with each purchase.

Everyone is a winner! Each Scratch-it is worth \$1, \$5, \$10, \$25 or \$50 towards your next purchase at any participating business until February 28th. The Love Local program is brought to you by the City of Independence.



- ♥ Ovenbird Bakery
- ♥ Territory Restaurant
- ♥ Parallel 45 Brewing
- ♥ Jubilee Champagne and Desserts
- ♥ Independent Ice Cream Shop
- ♥ The Collection on Main
- ♥ Starduster Cafe
- ♥ The Independence Hotel
- ♥ Hearts Compass
- ♥ BREW Coffee and Tap house
- ♥ Gilgamesh Brewing: The River
- ♥ Independence Cinema
- ♥ Valkyrie Wine Tavern
- ♥ Indy Commons
- ♥ Arena Sports Bar and Grill
- ♥ Melting Pot Candy
- ♥ Musical Independence
- ♥ Pink House Cafe
- ♥ Fifty1Fifty Tactical
- ♥ The Naughty Noodle

The **City Council** is scheduled to meet on February 8th and February 22nd at 6:30 pm. *For agendas and more information, please visit our website,* www.ci.independence.or.us.

City Hall will be *closed* Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

FIND US AT:

City Hall:
503-838-1212

Police Dept:
503-838-1214

Website:
www.ci.independence.or.us

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/IndependenceOregon

Twitter:
@IndependenceOR

COMMUNITY AWARDS



COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS for the Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce's 57th Annual Community Awards Event open soon.

Follow the Chamber on Facebook for more information and get your nominations ready! <https://www.facebook.com/MIChamber>

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Planning never starts too soon for community events! And, our events could not happen without the support from the community, especially volunteers. If you would like to help out, here are some of the upcoming events. Contact Ramón Martínez at rmartinez@ci.independence.or.us or ask for him at city hall: 503-838-1212.

- Independence Days: July 2, 3 & 4
- Summer Series: July & August (dates TBD)
- Hop Run: September 17
- Hop & Heritage Block Party (NEW!! Joint event between City & IDA): September 17
- GLOW Holiday Market & Lighting Display (dates TBD)



ASH CREEK
ARTS CENTER

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2021 IN REVIEW

2021 has come to an end & all of us at Ash Creek Arts Center wanted to thank everyone for such a great year! Because of our community and sponsor support (and of course our volunteers!) we were able to bring accessible arts education & fun to the Independence-Monmouth area. Ash Creek Arts Center would also like to gratefully acknowledge the consistent generosity of the City of Independence for supporting our non-profit since its creation in 2013 and giving ACAC a place to call home.

Here are all of the great art activities that happened in 2021:

SPRING:

- Kids Art Pack Giveaway
- Adult/Teen Art Pack Giveaway

SUMMER:

- Monmouth Music in the Park Art Activities
- Plants, Pots & Painting Adult Class (Special thanks to Nelina Vargas for teaching & BioAg for their supplies contribution!)
- Kids Art Pack Giveaway at Riverview Farmer's Market

FALL:

- Pumpkin Painting Party
- Teen Printmaking Class Series
- Pabst & Tatts Fundraiser (Special thanks to Arena Sports Bar & Main Street Tattoo! They were able to raise \$1,441 for ACAC)

WINTER:

- Making Spirits Bright Winter Wonderland Painting Craft (Special thanks to MaMere's Guest House for hosting & Rachael Stefan for teaching!)

Thank you all for being an important part of the ACAC family. We wish you all the best in the coming New Year! Please stay tuned for upcoming classes & events in 2022!

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Several items move through the Independence Community Development Department in any given month. This section of River City Briefs showcases some of the projects that are occurring in the community.

- **Brandy Meadows** – Construction in Phase 2 of the Brandy Meadows Subdivision, near 9th and Chestnut, continues. 28 lots have received permits in the 35-lot phase and four of the new homes have been occupied. The phase is primarily slated to be new single-family homes and duplexes. Installation of the infrastructure for Phase 3 of Brandy Meadows is also nearly complete.
- **Osprey Point** – Work on the mixed-use building at 75 C Street continues. The building, which will feature ground-floor retail space and 36 apartments above, has started installing interior finishes.

Key upcoming projects include a review of the Wastewater System Facilities Plan. The Independence Planning Commission will review the document at their meeting on February 7, 2022.

The Wastewater System Facility Plan is a 20-year planning document that outlines improvements to the City's sanitary sewer collection and treatment systems. The last master plan was completed in 2014 and this plan would update the document to remain current with the community's wastewater needs.

If you have questions about the projects or anything else, please contact Fred Evander, Community Planner at (503) 837-1168 or by email at fevander@ci.independence.or.us.

ARTIST RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Grants for Oregon Artists affected by COVID-19 related closures.

APPLY JAN 13 THROUGH FEB 10



CITY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

If you have wanted to get involved in your city government, but didn't know where to start, how about volunteering to serve on one of the various city Boards and Commissions?

Currently, there are openings for several city committees: Heritage Museum Advisory Board, Independence Days Commission, Parks & Rec Board and the Planning Commission.

Please visit our website at <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/bc> to learn more about the individual committees and to complete an application.

LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

WE'VE EXPANDED OUR HOURS! The library is now open to the public Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am-6pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Curbside Pickup will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-6pm, as well as during scheduled open hours. Computers are also available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am – 2:30 pm.

The library will be closed February 21st for President's Day.

Library programs will continue to be held virtually. Programs are posted onto the Library's Facebook page starting the day of the program. <https://www.facebook.com/IndependencePublicLibraryOregon>.

TAKE THE LIBRARY CHALLENGE – FEBRUARY 1 – APRIL 15

Looking to expand your reading horizons? Join the library for our reading challenge! Come pick up one of our library challenge bookmarks. Each bookmark has a list of challenges to take part in – reading a book with a one-word title, a book of short stories, a book more than 100 years old, and MANY MORE! For each box checked off you will receive a raffle ticket for our drawings this April!

STORY TIME / CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

Join Miss Jo each *Wednesday* for stories, songs, crafts, and more. *10 y 24 de Febrero*, visite nuestra página de Facebook para ver los programa con el Sr. Martinez.

CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Grab and go kits will be available for some of these programs. Call the library or watch our Facebook page for details!

February 7 – Kid's Craft Fun: Valentine Cards. Join Miss Jo for some heart felt fun! Create fun Valentines for your family and friends.

February 14 – Kid's Craft Fun: Sweet Treats. Pick up a special create-your-own treat kit from the Independence Public Library while supplies last!

February 28 – Maker Monday: Bristle Bots! Using materials from our grab and go kit, learn how to build your very own bristle bot that will move and dance around all by itself!

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

February 4 – Teen and Adult DIY: Valentine's Gifts. Looking for something special and unique for your favorite Valentine? Join Miss Jo as she shows you how to make something sure to bring a smile to their face!

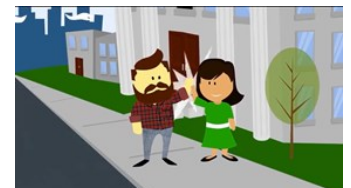
February 15 at 4:00 pm – Mystery Book Club. Join us on Zoom as we discuss *An Elderly Lady is Up To No Good* by Helene Tursten. Call the Library to register and we'll send you a link to the Zoom meeting on the morning of the program.

INDY WORKS

Indy Works helps you stay connected to your City. With Indy Works, you can submit a service request - fix a pothole, replace a sign, report graffiti, and more. Your request is instantly routed to the right person in the right department at City Hall. This means your request is responded to quickly and you'll be notified as soon as the service is complete. Indy Works is also a great way to get City news and emergency notifications.

Indy Works is also available as a free mobile app, allowing you to report issues or ask questions, anytime, anywhere. Search the Apple App Store or the Google Play store for Indy Works.

Visit the City's Facebook page to see the video!



https://fb.watch/avcCjp_v6f/