

City of Independence

River City Briefs

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INDY WORKS

Have you downloaded your Indy Works app yet?

This is a *free* app that you can download on your iPhone or android device which puts you in touch with our virtual city hall!

Report a concern, pay your bill or visit various websites of local interest.

If you do not have a smart device, you can make a request by visiting the city's website, and clicking the Indy Works tab under *Quick Links*.

Clean-Up Day is May 21

The annual Monmouth/Independence Clean-up and Beautification Day will be held on **Saturday May 21, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Riverview Park in Independence. The cost for dropping of debris will be \$10 for Independence and Monmouth residents and \$12 for the surrounding County residents. The clean-up will be held in conjunction with SOLV Project Oregon. Monmouth and Independence residents are encouraged to show support by beautifying their own properties and volunteering for the greater community-wide clean-up. This community clean-up will include such projects as park restoration, riverbank clean-up, and downtown and roadway beautifications. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers assisting with clean-up projects.

Residents are encouraged to bring their refuse to the park; which may include **trash, wood, metals, yard debris, appliances, car batteries, empty propane tanks and un-mounted fires.**

No hazardous materials, paint, chemicals, fuel, computers, televisions, microwaves or household garbage will be accepted.

Additionally, Johnny's Auto Wreckers and Myers Towing have agreed to pick up abandoned and junked vehicles from private properties. Citizens are asked to call Johnny's @ (503)838-0060 or Myers @ (503)838-0306 ahead of time to make arrangements for the towing of vehicles.

Please be aware that the gravel bar and parking lot at the Riverview Park will be closed on May 21, 2016 until after 3:00 pm.

Elderly and disabled citizens requiring assistance with transportation of debris are asked to contact the Independence Police Department @ (503)838-1214 by Thursday, May 14th to schedule pick-up assistance, or Monmouth Public Works @ (503)838-2173, please ask for Shannon. We will not pick up for able bodied individuals and the items must be placed near the curb.

We reserve the right to refuse, or restrict any wastes or excessively intermingled loads.

Individuals or groups who have projects, or who are wishing to volunteer for Independence or Monmouth Clean-up projects can contact CSO Sue Albee at the Independence PD at (503) 838-1127.



Dogs in the City

Dogs must be licensed when they reach 6 months of age. Please remember that all dogs must be on leash except at the Dog Park at 54 Grand Street. Please leash your dog while using the Willamette River Trail and other recreational areas within the City, as well as when you are out on the street. Also, remember to pick-up after your dog everywhere in the City, including the dog park. There are waste stations located at the Dog Park, and at other parks in the City.

Festival Informativo

May 22nd, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Independence Event Center

555 S. Main St. Independence—Riverside entrance.

The Festival Informativo is a family event catered specifically to Spanish-speaking Latino families in the Independence area. It provides an opportunity to learn about key services available in this and surrounding areas. There will be a presentation focusing on the Western Oregon Universities Bilingual Scholars Program followed by time to visit information tables staffed by area service providers. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Juan Navarro at 503-838-1212



TRAILS + Community + Family + Fun and Free!

6:00-8:00pm Downtown Independence on C Street

May-September Third Friday of Each Month

GET MOVIN' FRIDAYS

- 6:00-6:30pm – Sign-up + Pickup Passport
- 6:30-7:15pm – GET MOVIN' To the Checkpoints. Get Passports stamped.
- 7:00-7:20pm – Turn in your GMF Passport and get your raffle tickets.
- 7:20-8:00pm – Raffle Prizes + Party

Get Movin' Friday is a community and family oriented series of events. Get Movin' means exactly that. The format encourages people of all ages to walk or run on sidewalks and through parks in and around downtown Independence. Along the way to local business or park checkpoints, discover new places, get some exercise and have fun. Each month includes four different checkpoints

26th Annual Plant Sale

The Polk County Master Gardeners will hold their annual Plant Sale Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7. The sale, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days will be held at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

River's Edge Summer Series

Check out the summer line-up at <http://independenceamphitheatre.com>

Monmouth Independence Community Preschool

Monmouth Independence Community Preschool is a cooperative preschool open to three and four year old children. The parents share all responsibilities including overall management of the preschool as well as assisting the teacher in day-to-day classroom activities. Enrolling now for the 2016-2017 school year!

Email for more information or an application:

MICPreschool@gmail.com

THIS MONTH AT THE INDEPENDENCE LIBRARY

For Kids:

Family Story Time: Wednesdays at 10:30am. An hour of stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts and more. **On May 4th, there will be a special Star Wars theme.**

CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL: Viernes a las 3:30pm. Un programa de cuentos, canciones, manualidades y más.

Chess Club: Thursdays at 4:30pm: Children in first grade and up are invited to join Nancy Albritton for a chance to use and improve their chess skills.

Spring Fun Club – Tuesday’s at 4pm. The fun continues.

♦ May 3rd: **Mother’s Day Program** – Children will make a gift for mom.

♦ May 10th: **Family Movie: TBA**

♦ May 17th: **Officer Indy Day:** This program will feature the Independence Police Department. A fun public safety event for children.

Burgerville Literacy Night: May 18th from 5:30 – 7pm (at Burgerville). Join staff from Independence and Monmouth libraries plus WOU Early Childhood, WOU Ed. Club, and Polk County Mid-Valley Parenting for an evening of fun literacy activities. Free Kid Cones & \$2.00 off kids meal coupon will be available during the event.

Make Earrings with Kay Bates: Saturday, May 7th at 3pm. For Ages 8-12.

For Teens

Teen Craft Program: Make Beaded Earrings with Kay Bates – Saturday, May 21st at 3pm. For youth 12 and up.

For Adults:

Scrabble with Betty: Wednesday, May 4th at 1pm. Love games? Join Betty and other friends for a fun game of Scrabble.

Mystery Book Club: Thursday, May 12th at 6pm. This month’s discussion title: *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. Check out a copy today!

All Ages

Star Wars Day – May 4th – **May the 4th be With You!**

10:30am: Star Wars themed story time

6-7pm: Celebrate Star Wars Day with Ben Kreger (costumes encouraged!)

7pm: Trailer for the upcoming Star Wars Movie “Rogue One,” followed by *Star Wars: a New Hope* (rated PG) 123 minutes.

Cinco de Mayo – May 5th – 6-7pm. Drop in to make paper flowers and other traditional crafts and enjoy some tasty treats.



ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER

Second Saturday Family Art Class: 2-4pm

May 14: **Kinetic Art** with Felix Oliveros. This class will held at the Arts Center at 311 Monmouth St. Independence. The class is free. Children should be old enough to manage scissors, glue, tape, etc. Registration is not required.



FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

GRASS: When mowing your lawns, please do not blow the grass clippings onto sidewalks or into the street. Sidewalks become slippery and the street sweeper can become clogged with the wet debris. Do not let weeds get taller than 10 inches or go to seed, or encroach onto your neighbor’s property. Thank you!



Public Meeting Schedule	Date(s)	Time	Place
City Council	May 10	7:30 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
	May 24	7:30 AM	Civic Center—Chambers
Planning Commission	May 2	7:00 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
Historic Preservation Commission	May 17	4:00 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
Hop & Heritage Festival Commission	May 26	6:00 PM	Civic Center—Event Center
Museum Board	May 11	4:30 PM	Heritage Museum
Library Board	May 23	4:00 PM	Independence Library
Parks & Rec Committee	May 19	6:00 PM	Civic Center—Ash Creek Room
Traffic Safety Commission	June 15	6:00 PM	Civic Center—Ash Creek Room
Western Days Commission	May 11 & 25	7:00 PM	Civic Center—Event Center



Want to Recycle?

Brandt’s Sanitary Service offers 2 ways to recycle:

1. at their 24-hour recycling center, located at 158 Pacific Avenue South; or
2. curbside recycling. For more information, call Brandt’s at: 503-838-0464.

Independence on Facebook

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<http://www.facebook.com/IndependenceOregon>




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