

City of  
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# River City Briefs

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## VETERANS' DAY

City Hall will  
be closed  
Wednesday,  
November  
11th to ob-  
serve Veterans' Day.



## THANKSGIVING

City Hall will be closed Thurs-  
day & Friday,  
November  
26th & 27th  
for the Thanks-  
giving holiday.



## ONLINE BILLING

Did you know that we offer a paperless billing option? The city has partnered with Xpress Bill Pay—it's simple to sign up, and best of all, it's free!

When you sign up for online billing, you will get a unique password for access to your personal account. Every month, we will send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then, just log in through your web browser and view your bill, which will look just like the paper statement you're familiar with.

It's that easy—and there's more: you can also make a payment online at any time, you can also call the payment assistance center to make a payment over the phone. Call 1-800-720-6847 to speak with an agent.

### ONLINE BILLING & PAYMENT:

- It's free to sign up for online billing, at: [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com).
- You can pay your bills with a credit or debit card, or transfer funds directly from your checking account
- You can pay your bill from anywhere, as long as you have access to the internet through a web browser. No need to worry about late payments if you're out of town when your bill is due.
- After you complete the transaction, you can receive an email receipt to confirm that the payment went through.
- You can view up to a year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.
- If you'd like, you can select the auto-pay option, and your bill will be paid automatically each month.

## CITY LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

The residential leaf pickup program is for city residents whose property generates more leaves than can be handled by the Brandt's yard debris recycling cart. This program reduces the impact that leaves have on the City's stormwater system, rivers and wetlands. Important things to know:

- ✓ To minimize the amount of time that leaf piles are on city streets—affecting parking and drainage—Public Works requires that leaves be placed in the street on the dates listed below.
- ✓ Pile your leaves in the street, leaving a minimum of one foot between the curb and the leaf pile.
- ✓ Leaf piles should not block the flow of stormwater along the curb. Watch for blockage after rains.
- ✓ Park vehicles at least five feet away from leaf piles to allow equipment to safely pick up leaves.
- ✓ Public Works will not pick up leaf piles if they contain grass clippings, limbs or other yard debris.
- ✓ If your professional landscaper is unable to place leaves properly during the window of time, they are required to collect and haul away your debris.
- ✓ After December 29th, residents are responsible for disposal of leaves from their property.
- ✓ Public Works will pick up on Tuesday after these dates, unless other city duties take priority that week.

*TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESIDENTIAL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM, YOUR LEAF PILES MUST BE PLACED ON CITY STREETS PRIOR TO THESE DATES:*

1. NOVEMBER 2nd
2. NOVEMBER 16th
3. NOVEMBER 23rd
4. DECEMBER 7th
5. DECEMBER 14th
6. DECEMBER 28th



## ANNUAL YARD DEBRIS EVENT AT RIVERVIEW PARK

Brandt's Sanitary is hosting the annual Yard Debris Collection Event on Saturday, November 14th in Riverview Park. They will accept all yard debris from Independence and Monmouth residents, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

# THIS MONTH AT THE INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Closures:** Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's Day), Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving).

**For Youth:**

**Family Story Time:** Wednesdays at 10:30am. An hour of stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts and more. This program is open to children of all ages, but is designed to meet the developmental needs of children ages 3-5. (No story time on November 11<sup>th</sup>.)

\*\*\* NOTE!!! On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special program at Story time: **Iris Nayson will present: STRETCH – DANCE – PLAY**, creative movement for young children and their families.

**Cuentos in Español:** Miércoles (Wednesdays) a las 5:30pm. 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. No experience is required and children at all levels are welcome.

**Turkey Book Bingo:** Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Picture based bingo for school aged children, with books and other fun prizes.

**Family Movie – Inside Out:** Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm. This movie is rated PG.

**Gobble It Up – Thanksgiving Crafts and Activities:** Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**For Adults and Families:**

**Día de los Muertos:** Sunday, November 1st from 12:30 to 4 at the Independence Event Center (555 S. Main St. – Use the river-side entrance. This is a drop-in program, and is sponsored by the MI Community, the City of Independence and the Ash Creek Arts Center. The program will feature memorial displays and will offer face painting and an art project for children. Refreshments will be served.

**Scrabble with Betty:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Love games? Join Betty and other friends for a fun game of Scrabble. We'll provide the boards and a dictionary or two!

**Book Bingo for Adults:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Win gently read books and other fun prizes at this fast paced literature based bingo game. (Because kids shouldn't have ALL of the fun!)

**Inglés Como Segundo Idioma (ESL) para la Comunidad / Community ESL (English as a Second Language):**

Jueves de 1-3pm comenzando el 5 de noviembre. La clase es gratuita y todos son bienvenidos. Este programa es un proyecto de colaboración con Goodwill. / Thursdays from 1-3pm beginning November 5<sup>th</sup>. The class is free and everyone is welcome. This program is a collaborative project with Goodwill.

**Save the Date:** Don't miss the Santa Train and Parade of Lights on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER

Ash Creek Arts Center presents *Second Saturday Family Art:*

November 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 –4:00 pm: Festive Holiday Tree Ornaments. In winter, natural ornaments like pine cones and brightly colored berries hang on trees. Centuries ago, people started bringing trees inside and adding their own handmade ornaments.

You will use clay and your creative imagination to make a beautiful ceramic ornament to hang on your holiday tree and keep as a family heirloom. Taught by ceramic artist Mary Harden.

This program is free, and will be held at the Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 Monmouth Street, Independence.

Public Meeting Schedule	Date(s)	Time	Place
<b>City Council</b>	Nov 10	7:30 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
	Nov 24	7:30 AM	Civic Center—Chambers
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Nov 2	7:00 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>	Nov 17	4:00 PM	Civic Center—Chambers
<b>Hop &amp; Heritage Festival Commission</b>		6:00 PM	Civic Center—Event Center
<b>Museum Board</b>	Nov 11	4:30 PM	Heritage Museum
<b>Library Board</b>	Nov 23	4:00 PM	Independence Library
<b>Parks &amp; Rec Committee</b>	Nov 19	6:00 PM	Civic Center—Event Center
<b>Traffic Safety Commission</b>	Dec 16	6:30 PM	Civic Center—3rd Floor
<b>Western Days Commission</b>	Nov 12	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.

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