## Volunteer for Independence Days Today!

# River City Briefs

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## Sign up to Volunteer for Independence Days



Interested in volunteering for Independence Days this year?

To volunteer, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 14 years of age or older.\*
- Must be able to lift heavy objects (up to 30 pounds) in certain roles involving set-up and take-down.
- Must pass a background check if handling money.
- Must wear a life jacket or vest if

volunteering on or next to the river.\*\*

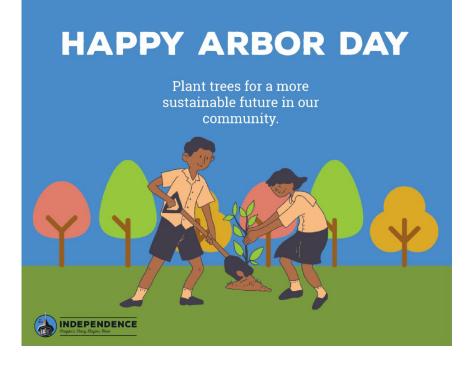
\*13 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Roles will be noted if you must be 18 years of age or older.

\*\*The City of Independence will provide life jackets if necessary.

Click the button below to find out how you can be part of these fun and community-filled events

Sign Up Here

Independence Celebrates 150th Arbor Day



April 29, 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation and the 150th Arbor Day celebration.

The City of Independence is proud to have been recognized as a Tree City, USA, by the Arbor Foundation for over ten years and will continue to seek this status. To qualify as a Tree City, USA, a community must:

- Maintain a tree board or department.
- Have a community tree ordinance.
- Spend at least \$2 per person on urban forestry.
- · Celebrate Arbor Day annually.

We would like to thank our entire community for helping us maintain sustainable practices in our urban forestry program

**Learn More** 

## Independence Heritage Museum Opens April 30th



The Independence Heritage Museum will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, April 30, at 1 PM in its new location: 281 S. Second St. (across from the post office in Independence, Oregon).

Museum Manager Natascha Adams said the new facility offers an additional 1,000 square feet for exhibits, compared to its original location. The 46-year-old local history museum closed in 2020, partly due to COVID, but Adams said plans were

already underway to move the museum from its original home at the Baptist Church on S. Second and B streets. Unlike the church, which was built in 1888, the new museum is one level, making it accessible for all who wish to visit.

"Having the opportunity and privilege to set up a museum which celebrates Independence's history is a once-in-a-lifetime moment," said Adams. "We are so excited to open our doors and share the stories featured in our current exhibits."

We hope to see you there on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the grand

#### **MINET Seeks New General Manager**



MINET is seeking a new General Manager who will provide leadership to the team and outstanding customer service to customers.

As the leader of the business, they will be responsible for preparing budgets and financial reports, managing growth and capital expansion projects, and developing staff. They will be an excellent communicator (both written and verbal) to the community and the MINET Board. They will know how to sell and how to manage a sales staff.

**Learn More and Apply Here** 

#### **Local Photo Album Mystery Solved**



A mystery surrounding a historical photo album has finally been solved and returned to its rightful owner after nearly a decade of lying dormant.

Dropped off at the original Independence Heritage Museum location in 2014 after the death of the photo album's owner, Mona

Barker (1925-2012), it soon faded into the background of the museum's basement, waiting to be rediscovered. Just recently, the album containing photos of precious family memories, adventurous global trips, and significant life milestones was reunited with Barker's granddaughter, Marci Newkirk, in Lacey, Washington.

Vickie McCubbin, Chair of the Heritage Museum Advisory Board, was the individual who rediscovered the album and made the trek up North to return it.

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Commons Executive Director
Kate Schwarzler featuring
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Director Shawn Irvine.

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