What Are Your Housing Needs? Take Our Survey!

River City Briefs

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### What Are Your Housing Needs? Take Our Survey!



Is it challenging for you to find the housing you need in Independence?

With our city being one of the most diverse and fastest-growing cities in Oregon, the city has prioritized making sure our current and future residents have an adequate and affordable range of housing types to choose from. By letting us know what your housing needs, concerns, and suggestions for improvement are we can better plan for the necessities of our community. Take our Housing Needs Analysis survey by clicking the button below and be entered to win a \$25 gift card.

#### Take Survey Here

### Homelessness in Independence — Fact Sheet



Polk County, in coordination with the cities of Dallas, Falls City, Independence, Monmouth, Willamina, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, applied for and received a \$1 million grant from the State of Oregon to establish a coordinated homeless response office. The focus of this office is to **prevent** Polk County community members from falling into homelessness.

On August 9, 2022, the Independence city council voted to approve the establishment of a coordinated homeless response office. The City of Independence has **NOT** allocated any funding for this project, but staff is participating in the meetings and providing representation for the City. The required uses for the funding do **NOT** provide homeless shelters, and during the meetings, there have been no discussions of any type of a homeless shelter being built or sited within the City of Independence.

Read the City of Independence's fact sheet about homelessness in our community and the Polk County pilot program by clicking the button below.

**Read Fact Sheet Here** 

## Vote for Your Favorite Trolley Logo Design







Want to help choose the logo design for the trolley that will run between Independence and Monmouth? Visit the survey link below!

Recently, the communities of Monmouth & Independence were tasked with naming the trolley service that we hope to launch later this year. By popular demand, MI Trolley will be its given name. As we continue to work on the branding of this new project, please take this brief survey to vote for your favorite logo design (the survey will be open for one more week).

Vote for your favorite design by clicking the button below.



### Last Concert in the Park This Friday

# **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**



Friday, August 19, 2022 6:00 PM WHERE Independence Riverview Park

¿Estás listo para bailar este fin de semana? Ready to dance this weekend?

Join us **this Friday, August 19, 2022, starting at 6:00 PM** for our last concert in the park of the summer featuring **Grupo Masato**, a multi-ethnic Portlandbased band that plays highly irresistible and danceable music from Latin America! A powerful combination of Chicha, Cumbia, and Afro-Peruvian music that invites everyone to meet on the dance floor and celebrate the rich diversity of our neighbors to the south.

This event is free for all attendees, although a donation is highly welcomed.

### **Community Fiesta Returns to Riverview Park**



Join the IM community/Soy Comunidad for the annual Community Fiesta on Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21, 2022 at Riverview Park in Independence, Oregon.

There will be live music, dancing, food vendors, and so much more! Come celebrate our community in the place where we live our motto: Oregon's story begins here!

For more information on the event, email Elena Pena at melenapena07@gmail.com



## Oregon Wine Country Half Marathon to be Hosted in Independence



The Oregon Wine Country Half Marathon has relocated to Independence, Oregon for the return of its annual, in-person event. The event setup will take place on Saturday, September 3, 2022 beginning at 3 PM, and end Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 1 PM.

Managed by the non-profit Sport Oregon, the Oregon Wine Country Half Marathon has a profoundly positive impact on Oregon wine country. With almost half of all runners coming from out-of-state, the

race produces substantial economic benefit throughout the region, along with an innovative partnership with local charities that provides hundreds of race volunteers and generates critical financial support for important youth and family programs in the community.

This large-scale event will affect the traffic patterns in our city, so please be advised of our traffic control plan which can be found by clicking the button below.

See Full Route Schedule

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You will be able to find the most timely, accurate, and pressing information available for our beautiful river city.

Be sure to also follow our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.

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### Submit Your Story Suggestion



The City of Independence wants to hear your stories. Whether it be the history behind a local business, your favorite neighbor, or simply a hometown hero—we will work to highlight our community through their voices.

Submit your stories by clicking the link below.

Have you ever wanted to know the history behind a local business, your favorite neighbor, or simply a hometown hero? So do we!

The City of Independence will work to highlight these stories through the written word, videos, photos, and include them in our following newsletters and social media postings.

To submit your story or idea, simply click the button below, email our communications office, and we will work with you on finding the best medium for your story.

We look forward to continuing to tell the stories of the people who live in our beautiful river city.

**Submit Your Story** 

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