

# Council Candidates and Measure to Appear on November Ballot

## River City Briefs

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#### CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF ELECTION

At the November 8<sup>th</sup> election, the following candidates will appear on the ballot:

<b>Mayor</b> (2-year term)	Jon Herber Sr. John McArdle
<b>Council, Position #1</b> (4-year term)	Shannon Corr Leslee Ellis
<b>Council, Position #2</b> (4-year term)	Matt Henscheid Marilyn Morton
<b>Council, Position #4</b> (4-year term)	Brandi Mendoza Kate Schwarzler

The following measure election will also appear on the ballot:

**QUESTION:** Shall the City of Independence prohibit all psilocybin-related businesses within the City?

The ballots for the November General Election will be sent by the Polk County Clerk to the Portland Post Office on October 20, 2022 for distribution. Polk County Elections has several ballot drop sites located throughout the County; go here for locations and hours of availability: <https://www.co.polk.or.us/clerk/elections/ballot-drop-sites>. Ballot boxes will be open until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Successful candidates will be sworn into office on Tuesday, January 10, 2022.

## Tricks and Treats Event Comes to Downtown Independence



Be part of the magic and join us on **October 31, 2022, in downtown Independence 3:30 PM -5:30 PM** for our Downtown Tricks and Treats event! Stop by any participating business to receive your treats, and don't forget to check out our special entertainers performing all sorts of tricks downtown. Kids will get the opportunity to see a magician, a balloon twister, a singing clown duo who ride tall bikes, a contact juggler, a stilt walker, and more! Additionally, the Independence Public Library will be hosting a make-your-own Halloween bag for kids.

All events are **FREE** and family-friendly, so kick off your Halloween holiday festivities right in downtown Indy. A map showing all participating businesses will be available on our Facebook event page on October 29, 2022.

If you're a business outside of downtown Independence that would like to participate, please reach out to our Downtown Manager, Courtney Williams at [cwilliams@ci.independence.or.us](mailto:cwilliams@ci.independence.or.us) to see how you can be part of the magic, too!

[Learn More Here](#)

## Watch the City of Independence Housing Needs Analysis Panel Discussion

**HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS  
PANEL DISCUSSION**

**FEATURING**  
Ken Perkins, Local Developer  
Gordon King, Local Developer  
Rita Grady, Polk Community Development Corporation  
Christian Edelblute, West Valley Housing Authority  
Jamin Kimmell, Cascadia Partners

Monday, October 10, 2022  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on YouTube

The City of Independence hosted a virtual panel discussion that sought to answer the question:

- How can the City of Independence encourage more affordable housing options?

The panel was composed of affordable housing providers, local developers, and the City's consultant for the Housing Needs Analysis Project.

The discussion was conducted as part of the City of Independence Housing Needs Analysis project. For more details about the project, click [here](#). To watch the full discussion, click the button below.

[Watch Video Here](#)

## Learn How to Market Your Business Through Polk County Tourism Alliance Workshop



**POLK COUNTY TOURISM ALLIANCE  
ANNUAL TOURISM SUMMIT  
& MEDIA WORKSHOP**

 Great Oaks  
FOOD TRAIL

gather with other Polk County tourism businesses and industry professionals to hear updates, learn best practices for media storytelling, and craft your elevator pitch to attract earned media for your business and prepare for our upcoming travel writers in Polk!

door prize giveaways, enjoy a taste of Polk and sample food from Great Oaks Food Trail businesses, and enjoy your first drink on us!

 Oct. 19 4-6 p.m.  
Valkyrie Wine Tavern - 301 S Main St. Independence  
Scan here to RSVP

[Register Here](#)

## Help Keep Our Community Clean this Fall



# City of Independence 2022 Leaf Pickup Program



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Leaves only, no other yard debris
- Remove leaves blocking storm drains
- Small leaf piles need to go in your yard debris can
- Cars need to be parked at least five feet from leaf piles
- Leave a minimum of one foot between curb and leaf pile and no piles in the corners of cul-de-sacs or in front of mailboxes
- Property owners are responsible for disposal of leaves after the week of December 26th

**This important service is provided by your Public Works Department to reduce the impact of leaves on the City's storm water system, rivers & wetlands.**

Rake leaf piles on City Streets before pickup the weeks of:

- October 24th
- November 7th
- November 14th
- November 28th
- December 12th
- December 26th

## Help reduce storm water impact to our rivers & wetlands with these easy tips



Dispose of pet waste properly in your garbage can.



Wash vehicles at a carwash or in your grass. Washing on your driveway allows soap and dirty water to flow into our storm drains.



Never pour paint, oil or other liquids down storm drains.



Dispose limbs and grass clippings in your yard debris can. Do not blow them into the street or hose down the storm drain.



Thank you for using your Yard Debris can for limbs, grass clippings & extra leaves. For more information call Brandt's at 503-838-0464.

Storm water flowing into catch basins does not receive treatment before flowing into our rivers and wetlands and can impact our fish and wildlife.



Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding. When dirt, leaves, trash and debris enter storm drains, they clog the storm system and increase the chance of flooding.



During rainfall, water runs over the ground and picks up oil, pet waste and other pollutants carrying them into our storm collection system, rivers and wetlands.



Experience Bike Indy Oregon's  
Drop the Hammer Weekend



# DROP THE HAMMER WEEKEND

FALL 2022 EDITION



[www.BikeIndyOregon.com](http://www.BikeIndyOregon.com)

**OCT 15 & 16, 2022** START YOUR RIDE ANYTIME BETWEEN  
**9 AM - 12 PM**  
Riverview Park - 50 C St, Independence, OR 97351

**ROADS. GRAVEL. SMALL TOWN GOODNESS.**

*CONSIDER REDIRECTING THE MONEY YOU'D NORMALLY USE TO PARTICIPATE AT AN EVENT TO A LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT.*

## HOW DOES IT WORK?



PICK A ROUTE

DROP THE HAMMER ON A STRAVA SEGMENT 



SUPPORT LOCAL

Fall is a special time to be on two wheels. Bike Indy Oregon helps keep you active all year and makes things as fun as possible on and off the saddle!

Join them for the fall edition of Drop the Hammer Weekend, happening on **October 15 & 16**.

To learn more or register, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Join the Luckiamute Watershed Council for  
Their Next Sips 'n' Science Series



## OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 - 8 PM KALAPUYANS OF THE CENTRAL WILLAMETTE VALLEY – HISTORY AND CULTURE

Join David Lewis, member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, OSU Assistant Professor and Tribal Historian, for the first Sips 'n' Science talk of our Fall/Winter series! This free presentation will address various Kalapuyan tribes and bands of the central valley. We will look at their original culture, how they stewarded their lands and the adjustments they had to make when settlers arrived. We will dive into the removal process, treaties, encampments and payments, and the likely understandings of the Kalapuyans, and work by Indian agents to remove them all to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. Finally, we will address their context on the reservation for the first 20 years.



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COFFEE &  
TAPHOUSE IN  
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WINTER COAT DRIVE**

BEGINNING OCTOBER 6TH, 2022  
THRU THE 2022/23 WINTER SEASON

OUR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT  
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