

Road Closures During Labor Day Weekend — Plan Accordingly

River City Briefs

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One last reminder that the Oregon Wine Country Half Marathon will be taking place this Labor Day weekend in Independence, Oregon.

The event setup will take place on **Saturday, September 3, 2022 beginning at 3 PM**, and the event will end **Sunday, September 4, 2022, by 1 PM**. This large-scale event will affect the traffic patterns in our city, such as closures

and delays on Main Street south of City Hall. Main Street north of City Hall will remain unaffected by the event.

If you would still like to participate in the race, same-day registration will be available on-site.

To volunteer for the event, click the button below.

[Volunteer Here](#)

Independence's Story — Second Chance Books



By popular demand, community members submitted their wish to learn more about the history, inspiration, and people behind Second Chance Books, one of the oldest downtown businesses in Independence, Oregon.

Tucked into the Masonic Lodge building along Main Street, Second Chance Books has resided in its current location for over 15 years. Inside, residents and visitors will find a plethora of knowledge, information, and prose printed upon the gently used books that plaster the shelves. As colorful, if not more, as the stories inside are the tales of co-owners Steve and Dina Carter, whose love of books began well before their business took off.

"We used to go to bookstores when we were dating," laughs Steve. "That's how exciting we are."

Utilizing a how-to-guide on opening a used bookstore they found in the library, and their combined experience in restaurant management and finance, the Carters set their sights on pursuing their passion.

"We've tweaked it over the years from that original model," said Dina. "Being aware of your customers, and trying to accommodate them, is so important."

Having experienced the ebbs and flows of business, the Carters hold a piece of lived advice.

"You just get up the next day and show up."

A staple of our river city, you can visit Second Chance Books at 307 S Main St. in Independence, Oregon.

[Watch Video Here](#)

What Are Your Housing Needs? Take Our Survey!



Have you ever wondered why housing is so expensive 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. While the housing situation in our city is complex, by letting us know what your housing needs, concerns, and suggestions for improvement are we can work to find solutions for the specific necessities of our community.

Take our Housing Needs Analysis survey below and be entered to win a \$25 gift card.

[Take Survey Here](#)

Hop & Heritage Block Party Returns to Independence

INDEPENDENCE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

HOP + HERITAGE BLOCK PARTY

 

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YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!



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CAMERA TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS!



ALL PROCEEDS HELP IDA
SUPPORT AND REVITALIZE
OUR WONDERFUL
DOWNTOWN.



DOWNTOWN INDY
WOULDN'T BE AS
BEAUTIFUL AND LIVELY
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!
THANK YOU!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
12:00PM-7:00PM

DAY-OF TICKETS SOLD AT INDY COMMONS
154 S. MAIN STREET INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97352

**SAMPLE LOCAL BREWS WITH OUR
HOP + HERITAGE BLOCK PARTY PASSPORT!**
ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
LEARN ABOUT THE HOP HISTORY & HERITAGE IN INDEPENDENCE
SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE & OUR AWESOME DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES
AND HAVE SOME END OF SUMMER FUN!



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WWW.MEMBERPLANET.COM/S/INDEPENDENCEDOWNTOWNASSOCIATION/HOPANDHERITAGE_2022

The Independence Downtown Association will once again be hosting its annual Hop & Heritage Block Party on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, from **12:00 PM - 7:00 PM**.

Live street performances provide entertainment as you visit stops at local restaurants and businesses. Each location has partnered with a brewery and will gladly trade a stamp on your passport for some tastings of great craft beers (and a few other beverages!). Tickets include a commemorative glass which will be ready and waiting for you at the ticket booth the day of the event. Fill your passport with stamps and be entered into the raffle for a chance to win a gift basket of local treats!

Ticket sales support the Independence Downtown Association, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting a vibrant downtown. Passports and beer mugs can be picked up on the day of the event, starting at 11:30 AM at Indy Commons, located at 154 S Main Street, Independence.

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

Students Return to School — Drive Safely



Have you noticed our reader board parked across the street from Central High School?

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, marks the start of the school year for Central School District, so please be watchful of students returning to and from their respective schools.

To find out more about the return to school, visit their website by clicking the button below.

[Visit District Website](#)

Oregon Hop Run to Take Place Later this Month



OREGON HOP RUN

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON

The City of Independence and the Monmouth-Independence Area Chamber of Commerce are pleased to present the 4th edition of the Oregon Hop Run! Join us on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, for a 10k, 5k, and a free 1/2-mile dash for kids. The running and walking will start and end at Riverview Park, located in beautiful Downtown Independence.

If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more about the event, you may do so by clicking the button below. Your time will be very much appreciated, and you will receive a complimentary entry for next year's event!

[Learn More Here](#)

**F Street Bridge to be Temporarily Closed on Thursday,
September 15, 2022**



The F Street Bridge will be temporarily closed on **Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 2 PM - 3 PM** for a ribbon-cutting event.

Please be advised and spread the word of this temporary delay.

Independence City Hall Closed for Labor Day



The Independence Civic Center will be closed on **Monday, September 5, 2022** for Labor Day. Our offices will return to regular hours on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**.

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