

Independence Days Celebration, Summer Concerts and Movies Announced

River City Briefs

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Independence Days Wristbands Now on Sale

Independence Days wristbands are now on sale! Each wristband is \$5 for persons ages six and up. Avoid the lines and get yours today at one of the following locations:

Independence Civic Center
(M-F, 8 – 11:30 AM & 12:30 – 5 PM)

Independence Public Library (M-F, 11 AM – 6 PM & Sat 10 AM – 2 PM)

Independence Heritage Museum (Tue-Thu, 10 AM – 6 PM & Fri-Sat, 10 AM – 4 PM)

Independence Hotel (24/7)

Polk County Fire District No. 1 (M-F, 8 AM – 5 PM)

All locations are CASH ONLY, except at the Independence Civic Center



and the Independence Hotel, which accept cash, debit, and credit card. All sales are final.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest Independence Days information by clicking the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Summer Movies & Concerts in the Park Announced

FREE MOVIES ON THURSDAYS AND FREE CONCERTS ON FRIDAYS

SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT THE RIVER'S EDGE!



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

THURSDAYS

Free movies start at 9:30pm in July and 9pm in August

July 13th
Disney's Jungle Cruise

July 20th
Top Gun: Maverick

July 27th
Space Jam (1996)

August 3rd
Disney's Finding Nemo

August 10th
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

August 17th
The Super Mario Bros. Movie

August 24th
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever



OPEN YOUR CAMERA AND SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE MORE EVENT DETAILS!



JULY 13TH-AUGUST 25TH
INDEPENDENCE AMPHITHEATER
RIVERVIEW PARK

FRIDAYS

Free concerts start at 6:00pm

July 14th
Opener: Marcy Gard Band
Headliner: Eagle Eyes
(Eagles Tribute)

July 21st
Opener: Big Red Chair
Headliner: Cj Mickens
(Latest & Greatest Hits)

July 28th
Opener: The Edge
Headliner: Taken By The Sky
(Fleetwood Mac Tribute)

August 4th
Opener: Hit Machine
Headliner: Shoot To Thrill
(AC/DC Tribute)

August 11th
Opener: Cool Change PDX
Headliner: Stone In Love
(Journey Tribute)

August 18th
Opener: Son de Cuba
Headliner: Sonora Dinamita
(Cumbia Band & Salsa Lessons)

August 25th
Opener: Red Light Romeo
Headliner: Radical Revolution
(80's Dance & Party)

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Our River's Edge Summer Series movie & concert lineup is here!

Brought to you by the City of Independence, the River's Edge Summer Series spans seven weeks of family-friendly fun from July 13 – August 25. Spend your weekend at the edge of the Willamette River in beautiful downtown Independence, Oregon.

We extend a great thank you to all our sponsors who help make this

spectacular event happen every year!

For more information about the Summer Series, like parking, vendors, and more, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

How Was Riverview Park Made?



In our latest Curator's Corner episode, our video series detailing the history of people, places, and things in Independence, Oregon, we focus on the humble beginnings of Riverview Park.

Known as the "living room" of Independence, the park has seen a wide array of changes since its inception in the 1930s. Originally called the "Hop Bowl", the field was used as the high school's football field, the community fiesta gathering place, and even included a ferry crossing.

Join Museum Curator Amy Christensen as she discovers the story of Riverview Park.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Local Businesses Awarded Small Event Grant

Earlier this year, the City of Independence created a mini-grant program to help businesses create new, or expand, events or promotions that would help bring more customers to their business. Using ARPA (American Rescue Plan) dollars, this grant program was created to help drive additional sales for our businesses, create a more robust calendar of activities for people to enjoy in Independence, and enhance our dynamic local economy.



***Four businesses were each awarded \$1,000 in grant dollars, with an additional \$250 invested from each business to cover the remaining event costs.** The business recipients include Golden Hop Saloon, Brew Coffee & Tap House, Indy Commons, and Girlfriend's Place.

Congratulations to all the grant recipients! We look forward to seeing your events and promotions!

***The amount of money awarded was incorrectly reported in an earlier newsletter.**

Safe Exchange Zones Now Available at Independence Civic Center



Have you heard of a Safe Exchange Zone?

Dallas, Monmouth, and Independence now have dedicated zones that are safe and secure (24-hour video surveillance) for residents to conduct personal

exchanges, such as child custody, or e-commerce transactions, such as buy/sell/trade. Each Safe Exchange Zone has two parking spots for a buyer and seller, or two custodial units, to park side-by-side and feel comfortable that their exchange will be conducted safely.

The Safe Exchange Zone in Independence zone is located at the Independence Civic Center (555 S Main St, Independence) near the south entrance.

If you ever have an emergency while conducting a custodial exchange or buy/sell/trade transaction, please call 911 so units can be dispatched to assist you. For more information regarding Safe Exchange Zones and safety recommendations, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Independence Highlighted in Recent Oregonian Article

Steve Tabler of Monmouth used to drive to work every morning, but now he just hops on the trolley.

He never worries about missing it. The trolley isn't going anywhere without him.

After 14 years of commuting to Salem to drive the city's Cherriots buses, Tabler now drives

one of three little red trolleys back and forth 36 times per day between Western Oregon University in Monmouth and Riverview Park in Independence.



There is a lot to see along the three-mile journey each way, Tabler said. "It's something that Monmouth and Independence have needed for a long time," he said.

He grew up in Monmouth-Independence and said the 21st century has been kind to the two communities. The trolley, which started service April 2 with \$3 million from the American Rescue Plan Act, is the latest in a 20-year wave of economic and cultural transformations, particularly evident in Independence.

[Read Full Article Here](#)

Heritage Museum to Host "Fire and Freedom: Food and Enslavement in Early America" Exhibit



The National Library of Medicine produced *Fire and Freedom: Food and Enslavement in Early America*, along with the companion website, with guest curator, historian, author, and educator Psyche Williams-Forsen, PhD (University of Maryland, College Park). It is on view at the Heritage Museum from June 5, 2023 to July 15, 2023.

The traveling exhibition and companion website explore ways in which meals can tell us how power is exchanged between and among different peoples, races, genders, and classes. In the Chesapeake region during the colonial era, European settlers relied upon indentured servants, Native Americans, and enslaved Africans for labor, life-saving knowledge of farming and food acquisition, and to gain economic prosperity. *Fire and Freedom* looks into life at George Washington's Mount Vernon plantation and the labor of enslaved workers to learn about the ways that meals transcend taste and sustenance.

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**Independence Downtown Association Hosts
Last Day of School Celebration**

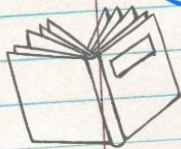


HAPPY



last day of

SCHOOL!



Hosted by the Independence Downtown Association

Let's Celebrate!

Downtown Independence

June 12, 2023

3PM - 5PM



Join us for music, fun,
and treats to welcome
the summer!





ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3. Monmouth Has Pride Festival Main Street Park (10AM-2PM)
4.	5.	6.	7. Art Club Grades K-2nd (4PM-5PM) Grades 3rd-6th (5PM-6PM)	8.	9.	10. Second Saturday Kids K-6th (10AM-12PM) Adult & Teen Art Camp (1PM-3PM)
11. Adult & Teen Art Camp (1PM-3PM)	12. IDA: Last Day of School Celebration Riverview Park (3PM-5PM)	13.	14. Art Club Grades K-2nd (4PM-5PM) Grades 3rd-6th (5PM-6PM)	15. Third Thursday Adults & Teens (6:30PM-8:30PM)	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	21. Art Club Grades K-2nd (4PM-5PM) Grades 3rd-6th (5PM-6PM)	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28. Art Club Grades K-2nd (4PM-5PM) Grades 3rd-6th (5PM-6PM)	29.	30.	

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