

# River City Briefs

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## What's Your Downtown Parking Experience?



The city of Independence would like to understand your downtown parking experience and how you would like it to improve in the future.

The Downtown Parking Experience project hopes to help the city anticipate current and future parking needs downtown in a way that promotes the vibrancy of Downtown Independence.

To learn more about the project and to take our survey, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Former Teacher Finds Passion in Volunteering



Former social studies teacher Vickie McCubbin knows what it's like to lead a group through world-spanning education, she did it her entire career. Now, as a volunteer at the Heritage Museum, she guides students through the history of Independence, Oregon, tells stories of the people who originally settled here, and conducts research on the historical buildings in our city.

"The idea of history—and an understanding of history—I think, is really important," shared Vickie. "It's telling the story of the people who interacted with those (historical objects) things."

Learn more about Vickie's passion for volunteering at the Heritage Museum by clicking the button below.

[Watch Video Here](#)

## New Stop Signs Placed on 7th and E Street



**TRAFFIC NOTICE:** New stop signs have been placed on 7th and E street heading West; stop signs heading North and South have been removed.

This week, our public works crews installed two new stop signs at the intersection of 7th and E Street. This new traffic pattern intends to improve traffic safety entering 7th (a collector street) and meet an industry standard.

Please exercise caution when driving along 7th street and give your fellow drivers time to accustom to the new traffic pattern. The city of Independence appreciates your patience and cooperation as we work to improve the safety of all our residents.

## Learn to Code Through Independence Library Program

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Do your kids want to learn how to code?

The Independence Public Library is now offering a Youth Coding League for children in grades 5-8. The Youth Coding League is an innovative and complete learning program, built for schools and community organizations, that introduces kids to computer science and coding. The YCL focuses on access, inclusion, and self-efficacy for all. No prior coding experience is required.

To learn more and register your child, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)



## City Staff Begin Work on Downtown Parking Experience

Last week saw the arrival of our Downtown Parking Experience consultants, outside professionals hired to help survey current and future parking needs in Independence.



Our city planner, Fred Evander, joined our consultants as they inventoried parking in and around our downtown area, met with community members, and discussed ideas for improvement with local organizations like the Independence Elks. Next, our consultants will evaluate our existing parking plans and regulations. Then, they will begin work on a strategy to recommend to our city staff.

To learn more about our Downtown Parking Experience project and to share your experience, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Central Talmadge Project Kicks Off



The Central Talmadge Plan, a project that intends to create a new center within the community, focused on the commercial, cultural, social, and health service activities available near Central High School, kicked-off last

week with a meeting of their advisory committee. The project advisory committee, which includes business owners, Central School District representatives, and residents, met to discuss the project's intentions, what the team can expect from this committee, and a few get-to-know-you exercises.

The Central Talmadge Plan seeks to transition the primarily auto-oriented neighborhood and commercial area along the E Street corridor into a more walkable, bike-able (and trolley-accessible) neighborhood with new and enhanced community gathering spaces and activities. The changes intend to promote safe and convenient access to and through the neighborhood for people of all ages and abilities.

To learn more about the Central Talmadge Plan, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Independence Celebrates City Hall Selfie Day



Earlier this week, our city staff celebrated City Hall Selfie Day, a time when we recognize the hard work and service of those laboring behind the scenes in our local government.

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**I/M Community Fiesta Returns this Weekend**

# I/M Community Fiesta

Independence Riverview Park Aug. 18-20  
Vendors, Food, Music, Fun \$5 Suggested Donation

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6pm-Son de Cuba	9am-3pm Car Show	11am- Mass/Misa
8pm-La Super Sonora Dinamita	3pm-Amayalmazatl	1230pm-Herencia Mexicana Folklorico
	345pm-Guelaguetza Intercultural	130pm-Heredado
	515pm-Romance	3pm-Los Tinex
	7pm-Sin Documentos	445-Los Fantasmas del Ritmo
	9pm-Los Chulos Chulos	

Special Guests: Pedro Beltran, Rayzi, & Rylan the dancer

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