

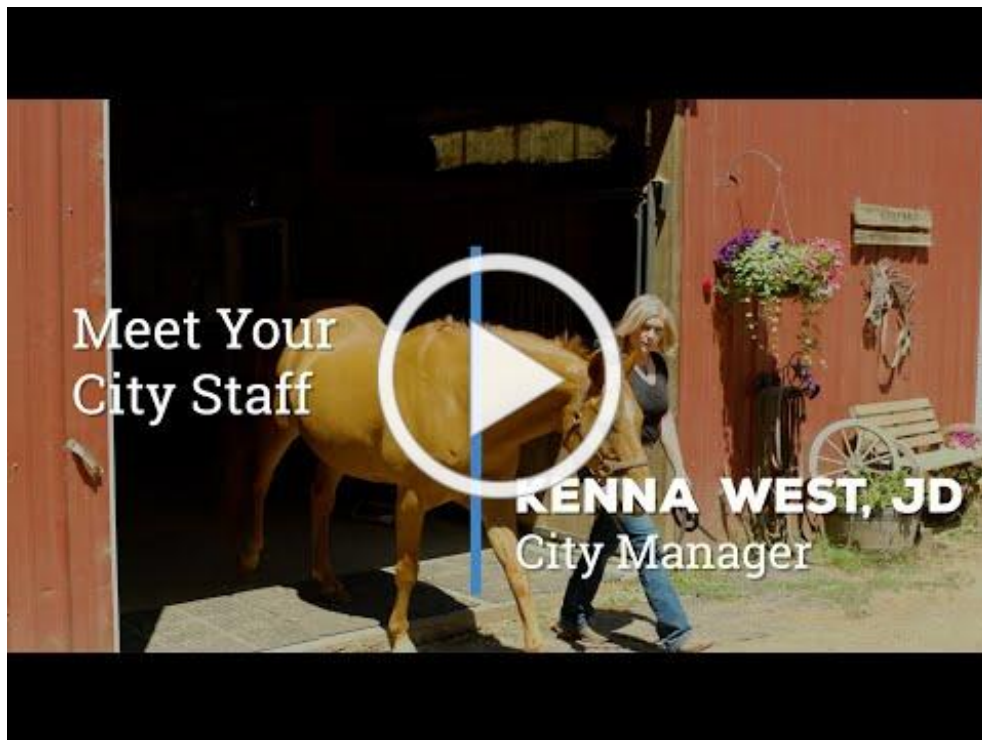
River City Briefs

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Meet Your City Manager



What does a city manager do? The city of Independence is developing a video series to answer this question and more. "Meet Your City Staff" will highlight individuals on our staff and share what they do to keep the city running.

Kenna West, JD, is the City Manager in Independence and has over ten years of experience in public service. In our video, you will learn about her journey to city management, what she likes to do in her spare time, and what she does to stay motivated.

"Where else can you serve thousands of people?" shared West. "It's the best job ever."

Watch Video Here

What's Happening at that house on the corner of 7th and Monmouth Street?



Have you wondered what's happening at the house on the corner of 7th and Monmouth Street?

Join Amy Christensen in the newest episode of Curator's Corner as she talks with Catherine Underwood-Bush, the owner and restoration manager, about this historic property known as the Hedges House. Additionally, you will learn about the history of the Independence family that owned the house in the late 19th century, the property's intended future use, and what motivated Catherine to undertake the monumental project of restoring this property.

[Watch Video Here](#)

LAST CHANCE: How Did You Receive Information About the Independence Days Celebration?

HOW DID YOU RECEIVE INDEPENDENCE DAYS INFORMATION?

Take our 2 minute survey and be entered for a chance to win 2 free movie tickets to Independence Cinema!

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Independence Days is an annual event that brings thousands of residents and visitors to Independence, Oregon, to celebrate our nation's birth. The city of Independence would love to know how you, your friends, and your neighbors received information about this special community celebration.

Please take 2 minutes to complete this survey for a chance to win two free movie tickets to Independence Cinema.

[Take Survey Here](#)

MI Trolley Garners 35,000 Riders in its First 3 Months



On behalf of the MI Trolley, we want to say THANK YOU to all of our riders. In the last three months, we have had over 35,000 people enjoy the MI Trolley. So many riders have been doing their shopping, dining, recreation, and meeting up with friends from town to town. Please continue to ride the MI Trolley and if you have any questions or want to share your experience using MI Trolley, please reach out to mitrolley@cherriots.org

[Visit MI Trolley Website](#)

Are You Prepared for a Natural Disaster?

We Need Your Input.

Help us better understand your household's preparedness for natural hazards.

Your response will be used in the Polk County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update.



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Polk County is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at the University of Oregon to better understand your risk to natural hazards and to help reduce that risk.

This survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. This survey is designed to help gauge your perceptions and opinions regarding the risk of and your vulnerability to natural hazards. The information you provide could help improve hazard mitigation and risk reduction efforts within Polk County.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

[Take Survey Here](#)

Independence Police Celebrate National Night Out



Earlier this week, the Independence Police Department celebrated National Night Out, our annual community-building campaign in partnership with the Monmouth Police Department, Polk CERT, and Polk County Fire District No. 1. Alongside a crowd of

community members, we built camaraderie with food, lawn games, a bouncy castle, and giveaways.

We especially would like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their lawn space, Cornerstone Church for providing the bouncy castle, Grocery Outlet for their generous donations of food, beverages, and gift card, and the Monmouth Starbucks for bringing drinks and sweet treats.

We hope to see you all next year as we foster a stronger and safer community in our two cities.

Is Your Home in Need of Repairs?



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In need of major home repairs?

The Home Repair Loans & Grants can help you with...

- Siding
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- Plumbing
- Insulation
- ADA Accessibility
- Foundations
- Painting
- Windows
- Heating
- Electrical
- Interior Upgrades
- Some additions
- And much more...

Do you own a home in Polk County?
Do you have major repairs or upgrades that you would need to have done in your home?

If so, you may qualify for a low-interest home repair & improvement loan or CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant.



POLK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Polk CDC is a non-profit organization, from its inception in 1989, the mission of Polk Community Development Corporation (Polk CDC) has been to provide income eligible Polk County residents with community and economic development and self help opportunities through high quality, affordable housing, and programs that assist families in their efforts to achieve significant life goals, stability, and well-being.

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Independence Public Library August Calendar



August 2023

★ Last day to turn in your Summer Reading is Aug. 16th. ★



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Independence Public Library 175 Monmouth Street Independence, OR 97351 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library			 SLIME 3 PM	 ANGRY BIRDS 3 pm	Teen & Adult: Share Your Story Heritage Museum 3 pm	
6	7	Kid's Share Your Story Heritage Museum 3 pm	Kid's Microgreens Insp. Garden 3 pm	MNCH Oregon Rocks! 3 pm	Teen Games & Pizza Party 3 pm	
13	14	Mystery Book Club Riverview Park 4 pm	 Super Hero Summer Reading Party - 3 pm Summer Reading Ends			
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New Session of Storytime starts Sept. 6 - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

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