

Help Independence Name a Park

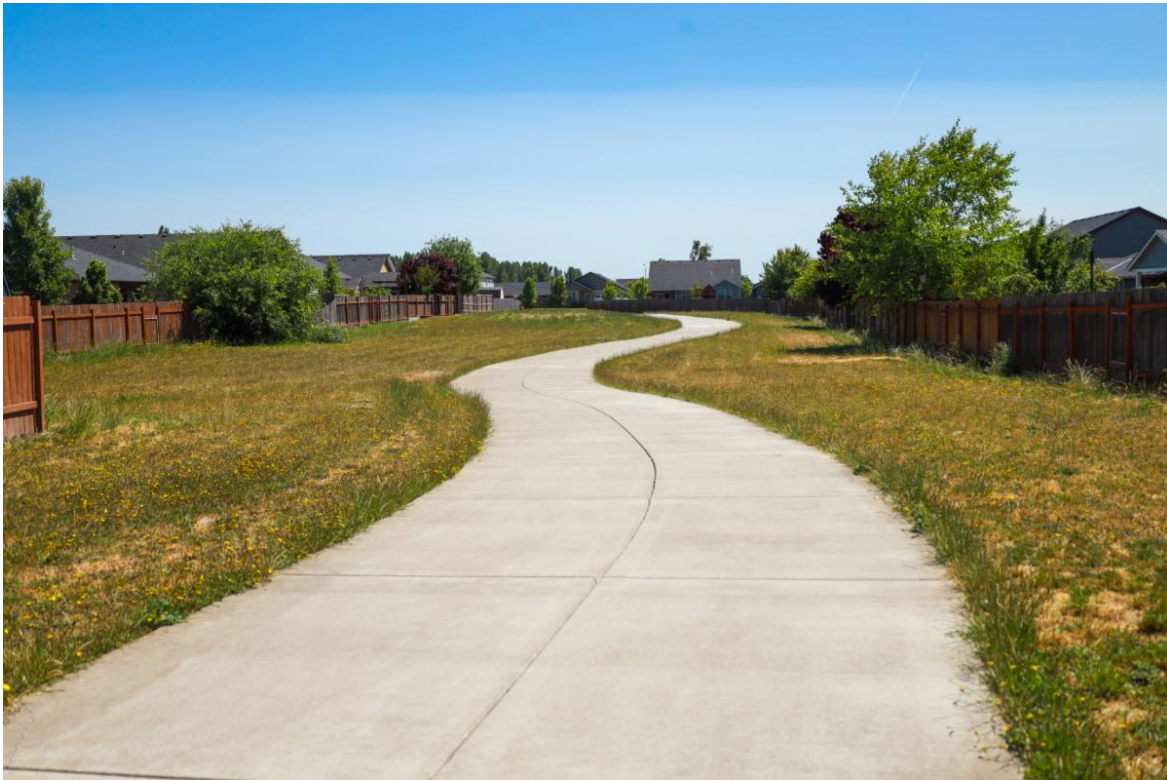
River City Briefs

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What Would You Name this Park?



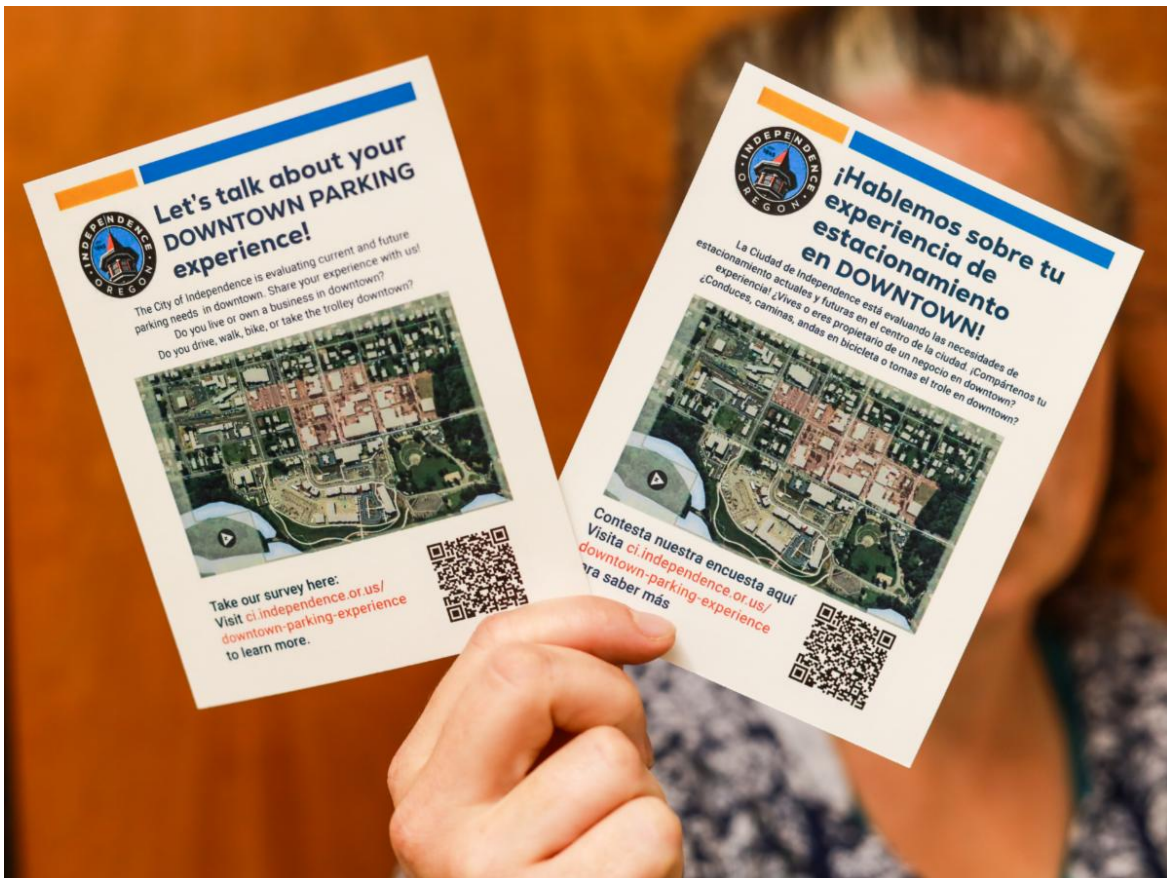
The city of Independence needs your help naming the park unofficially known as "Sunset Meadows."

Submitted recommendations will be sent to the Independence Parks and Recreation Board, which will narrow the list to their three favorites. After considering the three options, the official name will be adopted by the Independence City Council.

Share your suggestion by clicking the button below.

Take Survey
Here

What's Your Downtown Parking Experience?



Have you taken our Downtown Parking Experience survey yet?

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

Share Your Favorite Summer Series Moments

Did you enjoy our River's Edge Summer Series this year?

Share your favorite memories (photos & videos) and be included in a recap

video that will showcase our community's pride.

Visit the Independence Riverview Park Facebook page by clicking the button below, comment your favorite photos and videos, and we will take it from there.



River's Edge
Summer Series

Submit Your Photos

**Submit Your Photos and Videos
Here**

New Light Poles on F Street Bridge Bring Project Closer to Completion



New light poles were installed on the F Street bridge this week, heralding one of the final steps toward completing this essential infrastructure project.

Once the power connects, look forward to walking down F Street or driving on the bridge with these fixtures lighting your way through. While you're at it, enjoy the marvelous Inspiration Garden as you enter the newly lit path.

Independence Heritage Museum Hosts Opening of New Ella Curran Exhibit

This week saw the grand opening of a new permanent exhibit at the Independence Heritage Museum, titled Ella Curran:

Feeding the Community.

Over 70 people attended the grand opening that featured speeches from Mayor John McArdle, Ella Curran Food Bank Director, Patty Nevue, Heritage Society board member Roxanne Beltz, and Museum Director Natascha Adams.



"The *Ella Curran: Feeding the Community* exhibit has been a year in the making," said Adams. "So many folks helped and supported Amy and I as we researched and built the exhibit."

The exhibit tells the remarkable story of Ella Curran, the namesake of Independence's food bank, and digs deeper into the complicated issue of local food insecurity. Additionally, in partnership with Oregon State University's Food Hero program, the heritage museum will host four free cooking workshops through September and October. These workshops are intended to help families make healthy food choices, provide advice on stretching a meal-time dollar, and how to maintain a basic food pantry.

Visit this exhibit to learn about Ella Curran, the history of the food bank, the impact of food insecurity, and what we can do as a community to help those facing hard times. The museum is open Tuesday – Thursday 10 AM – 6 PM, Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM, and closed Sunday & Monday.

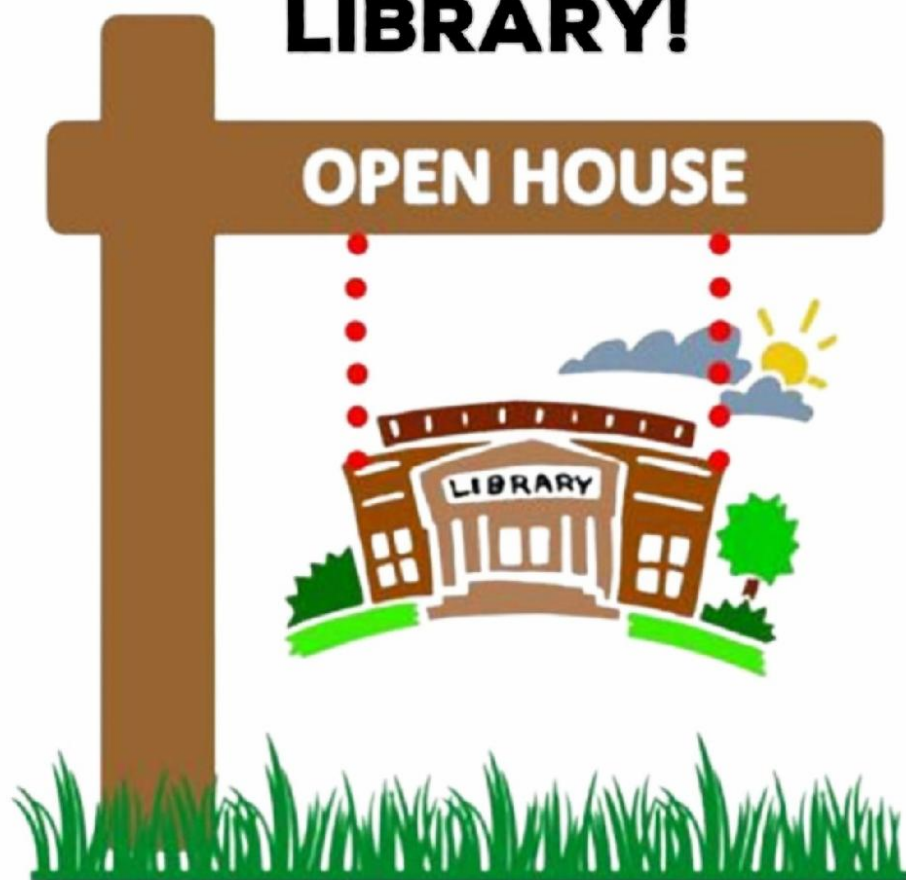
Independence Police Wish You a Happy School Year



Independence Police Department School Resource Officers, Richard Gonzalez and Thomas Fleming wish you and your family a happy and safe return to school. We look forward to

Celebrate 20 Years at the Independence Library's
Current Location

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY!



**Celebrating 20 years at the "New" Library
location and 115 years of Library service!**

YOU'RE INVITED!

**Drop in for Refreshments
& Door Prizes for All Ages!**

**Sept. 27
4-6 pm**

Mark Your Calendar for the Age-Friendly Oregon
Summit 2023



Toward Our Shared Future

Age-Friendly Oregon Summit 2023

The best way to predict the future is to create it!

Join Age-Friendly champions from around Oregon to shape our shared future. Explore new ideas, promising practices, and policies critical to helping to make our state and communities great places for people of all ages and abilities to live, work and play. Connect with neighbors, advocates, and thought leaders who are driving community change.

Summit sessions include:

- Key Issues for an Age-Friendly Oregon
- Creating a Multi-Sector Plan for an Age-Friendly State
- Role of Philanthropy in Building Inclusive & Equitable Communities for All Ages
- Workshops on Housing, Health & Behavioral Health, Economy, Civic & Social Participation

Registration is free, but space is limited. Meals and snacks provided. Scholarships available to support attendees from rural, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ communities and those traveling from a distance.

AGE-FRIENDLY SUMMIT

Tuesday, October 10
9am-5pm

COMMUNITY DAY
Tuesday, October 11
(An optional day of learning organized by our local host committee.)

Western Oregon University
Werner University Center
400 Monmouth Ave N
Monmouth, OR 97361

Learn more: aarp.org/ORSummit23

Register:
events.aarp.org/ORSummit23

Collaborating Partners:

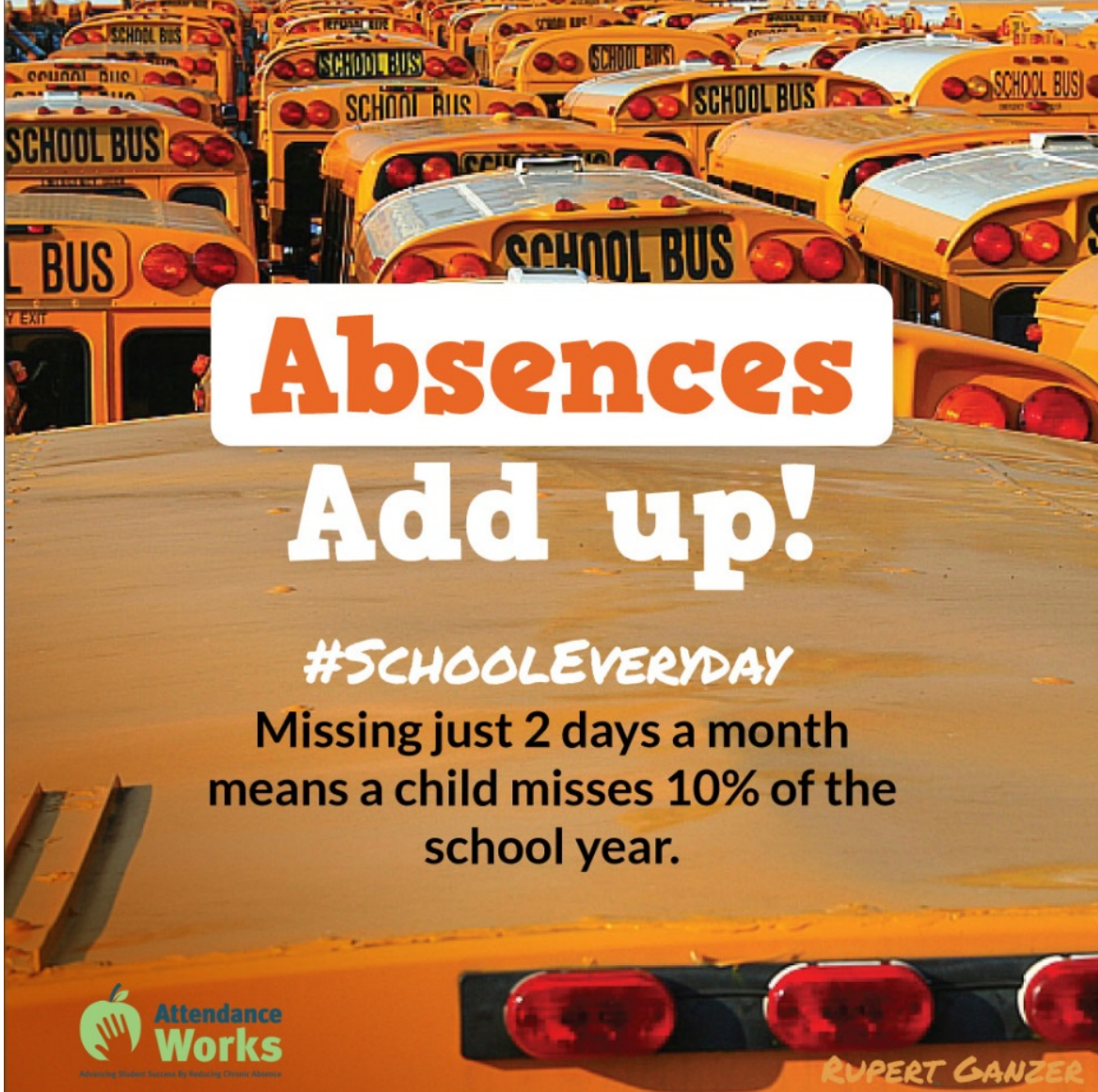


Host Committee:



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Encourage Students to Attend School this Fall



Absences

Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Missing just 2 days a month
means a child misses 10% of the
school year.



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Independence Public Library September Calendar



September



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		New Session of Story Time begins Sept. 6 at 10:30 am			1	2
3	 LABOR DAY	Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	Storytime 10:30 am	7		
10	Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	12	Storytime 10:30 am	14	15	16
17	 Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	Mystery Book Club 4 pm	Storytime 10:30 am	Lego Mania 4 pm 	 20th ANNIVERSARY Library Open House Sept. 27th: 4-6 pm Refreshments -- Prizes for All Ages Celebrate the 'new' Library's 20th Anniversary!	
	Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	26	Storytime - 10:30 am Library Open House 4-6 pm			

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