

Wooden Nickel Program Supports Small Businesses

River City Briefs

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Give the Gift of Independence this Holiday Season



This holiday season, give the gift of Independence with the Independence Wooden Nickel!

Each nickel is worth \$5 towards your purchase of \$5 or more at any redemption location. Participating businesses will also be marked with

special signage on their front doors and windows to mark redemption locations. You can purchase wooden nickels at the Independence Civic Center at 555 South Main Street in Independence. Pick yours up during our launch promotion, November 20th-30th, to take advantage of our Buy Two, Get One free promo!

To learn more about the Independence Wooden Nickel program, or if you are a local business that would like to be added to the list of redemption locations, visit: <https://experienceindyoregon.com/wooden-nickel/>

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Holiday Light Display Kick-off Event this Sunday



LIGHTS START SHINING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 5:00 PM
RIVERVIEW PARK | DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENCE

Get ready to brighten up your holiday season with our amazing Glow Holiday Light Display kickoff event! Join us **this Sunday, November 26, at 5 PM in Riverview Park** for an evening of caroling, a lighting ceremony, and much more.

Our stunning light displays will shine brightly every night in Riverview Park until January 10, 2024, and the best part is that they are always free to walk through. Don't miss out on this magical holiday experience!

Downtown Parking Experience Community Meeting Recap



Did you miss our Downtown Parking Experience community meeting? No worries! You can access the video recap on our website, YouTube, and newsletter.

Click the button below to watch the full video.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Independence Leaf Pickup Program on Hold



City of Independence **2023** **LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM**

PICKUP WEEKS:

- ✓ October 30
- ✓ November 6
- ✓ November 13
- ✓ December 3
- ✓ December 10
- ✓ January 2

ON HOLD

Every fall the Public Works Department picks up leaves for the residents of Independence, whose property has more leaves than their yard debris container can hold. This service helps keep the city's storm drains clear of leaves that can have on

Thank You for using your debris can from Brandt's Recycling Services. Please continue to use it for limbs, grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris. The Leaf Pickup Program is for all the extra leaves that don't fit into your debris can. Pile any extra leaves following the guidelines above. Contact Brandt's at 503-838-0464 for their services.

For more information or tips on how to help reduce storm water impact visit
www.ci.independence.or.us/leaf-collection

Our leaf pickup program is currently **ON HOLD** due to a malfunction on our machinery. The city is doing everything possible to fix the problem, but in the meantime, you can still dispose of any excess leaves using your yard debris cans like you usually would.

The city of Independence appreciates your patience and understanding during this time and will keep you informed with any updates as they become available.

Museum Hosts New Exhibit About Domestic Violence

CONFRONTING

VIOLENCE:

IMPROVING WOMEN'S LIVES

November 21 - December 30, 2023

ENFRENTANDO

LA VIOLENCIA:

MEJORANDO LA VIDA DE LAS MUJERES

21 de noviembre - 30 de diciembre de 2023



The Independence Heritage Museum is pleased to host a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine (NLM): *Confronting Violence: Improving Women's Lives/ Enfrentando la violencia, mejorando la vida de las mujeres.*

Activists and reformers in the United States have long recognized the harm of domestic violence and sought to improve the lives of women who were victimized, but there was a time this was not so. Until the late 1970s, medicine as a whole had largely dismissed or failed to acknowledge domestic violence as a significant health issue.

Nurses took up the call for change, standing in the frontline as they pushed the larger medical community to identify victims, adequately respond to their needs, and work towards the prevention of domestic violence. With passion and persistence, they developed best practices for care based on research and their professional experience and took part in activism to put domestic violence on the map as a national public health concern.

*The museum is closed for Thanksgiving from November 23-25, 2023
The museum is closed for an annual cleaning from November 28 -
December 1, 2023.*

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City Staff Visit Central High School



Last week, our City Planner, Fred Evander, and Communications Director, Emmanuel Goicochea, visited a government class at Central High School to engage with the students in our community about our upcoming Central Talmadge Plan. When asked what they desired to see in this neighborhood,

they simply said, "something to do." Students were also given an interactive map that allowed them to draw the areas they frequent, what else they would like to see in the area, and any other comments.

Funded by a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the city aims to create a new center within the community, focused around the commercial, cultural, social, and health service activities available near Central High School. The changes are also intended to promote safe and convenient access to and through the neighborhood for people of all ages and abilities. This plan was outlined as a key, community-identified project in the Independence Vision 2040 plan.

To learn more about the project, such as the timeline, outreach opportunities, and more, click the button below.

[Learn More
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Independence Receives Grant for Chestnut Street Bridge Design

The city of Independence has been awarded \$320,000 by the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the final design and engineering of the Chestnut Street Bridge.

The funding comes from the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA), which is administered by the Build America Bureau.

City Manager Kenna West expressed her gratitude by saying, “Independence is thrilled to receive this award from the US Department of

Transportation. Designing and building this essential piece of infrastructure will improve the connectivity and traffic flow in the southern part of our city.”



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Polk County Offers Holiday Assistance Program

POLK COUNTY REGIONAL

Holiday Assistance

POLK COUNTY RESIDENTS REGISTER NOW!



WHO CAN APPLY:

Polk County individuals and families experiencing a financial hardship and need assistance with food and/or gifts this holiday season.

REGISTER BY GOING TO THIS WEBSITE AND CLICKING SIGN UP:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/POLKCOUNTYSI](https://www.facebook.com/POLKCOUNTYSI)

Register Here

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