

What Did We Accomplish in 2023?

River City Briefs

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Independence, Oregon: A Year in Review | 2023



Independence celebrated many successes in 2023. The city introduced many fresh and thrilling projects and activities to our community, including the launch of the MI Trolley transit system and hosting the Oregon Main Street conference. Despite facing the ongoing hurdle of service costs outweighing revenue, Independence remains steadfast in progressing as a

thriving community—an ideal place for establishing a business, enjoying leisure, and raising a family.

We are here to serve you and the greater Willamette Valley!

[Watch Video Here](#)

Former Independence Mayor's Descendants Share Historical Artifacts



Albert Clinton Moore is a prominent member of Independence history. Elected Mayor of Independence in 1916, and operating several stores in downtown, Albert was also known for documenting his personal and professional life through the use of his trusty camera bag. His photos, along with other notable artifacts that are featured *in* the photos, are on display at the Independence Heritage Museum.

Join Museum Curator Amy Christensen as she shows and tells with Albert's granddaughters, Elizabeth Myers Callahan and Rosemary Myers Carlsen, some of the most meaningful pieces of their family's history.

[Watch Video Here](#)

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You're
Invited

Central Talmadge Plan **OPEN HOUSE**

DATE & TIME

January 23, 2024, at 5:00 - 6:30 PM

LOCATION

Independence Civic Center
555 S Main Street
Independence, Oregon

MORE INFORMATION

[www.ci.independence.or.us/
central-talmadge-plan/](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/central-talmadge-plan/)



What kinds of businesses, activity centers, or healthcare services would you like to see in the area near Central Plaza? As part of our Central Talmadge Plan, you can share your input at a community meeting on **January 23, 2024, from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** at the Independence Civic Center.

The plan will build on the Independence Vision 2040 Plan and the Independence Transportation System Plan as well as other previous planning and engagement efforts to:

- Redevelop the area around Central Plaza to create a more dynamic commercial, retail and service hub in the heart of the town
- Link developments including apartment complexes and nearby manufactured home parks to the downtowns of Independence and Monmouth, and nearby goods and services
- Open existing vacant properties to new mixed-use development and

affordable and/or senior-oriented housing

- Identify zoning changes necessary to enable and promote a more vital, walkable/bike able, mixed-use development pattern in the area

To learn more about the Central Talmadge project, such as the complete study area, project timeline, and more, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Register for the First Marketing Mondays Class



Marketing your business is hard work—learn how to make it easier!

Join the cities of Independence and Monmouth for **Marketing Mondays**, a free, easy-to-follow marketing class focused on helping you maximize your time and marketing budget. The first class will occur on **Monday, January 22, 2024, from 10 AM - 12:30 PM, at the Independence Civic Center (555 S Main Street)**, and will concentrate on 2024 Marketing Trends.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to better your business!

For more information and to register for our first class, click the button below.

[Register Here](#)

Spread Your Message of Love Through the Walk of Hearts



The Independence Walk of Hearts is BACK!

Express your sentiment on a bright red heart branded with a personal message. Each heart will be hung on the lamp posts in downtown Independence. One side for \$35, or both sides for \$60.

Your creative expression helps benefit the Independence Downtown Association's efforts to beautify downtown, brings more visitors to local businesses, and makes your sweetheart happy.

You can place your order online, or print the order form and deliver it to the Heritage Museum, along with payment.

[Order Here](#)

Tree Pruning Along Main Street & Stryker Road

Altar Tree Service is currently pruning the



street trees along the north side of Main Street all the way down to Monmouth Street. After that, they will start working on the trees along the east side of Stryker Road. This work will continue until next Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The purpose of this work is to ensure that the trees do not touch vehicles and pose a risk to pedestrians.

Please exercise caution while driving or walking along these streets, and be mindful of the employees who are working hard to keep the area safe.

Polk County Local Work Group Meeting

**LOCAL
WORK
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MEETING**

POLK COUNTY

Jan 26

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Polk SWCD are asking for your participation and input about local resource concerns in Polk County. Local Work Group Meetings are a valuable part of our planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers and colleagues to be part of the collaborative effort to improve natural

resources within our County. The feedback you provide in this process will help guide the work we do going forward!

When: Friday, January 26, 2023, 9 am-12:45 pm

- Doors open at 8:30 am.
- The meeting is 9:00 am - 11:45 am
- Optional networking and complimentary brunch to follow - 11:45 am-12:45 pm

Where: Chemeketa Eola Northwest Wine Center - 215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem OR 97304

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