

MI Trolley Community Survey; F Street Bridge Receives Award

River City Briefs

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Share Your Thoughts About the MI Trolley

A graphic for the MI Trolley Community Survey. It features a blue background on the left with yellow text and a photograph of a woman smiling while leaning on the door of a red trolley on the right. The text includes the survey title, its purpose, and the MI Trolley logo for Monmouth-Independence.

**MI Trolley
Community Survey**

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the level of awareness that our communities have about the MI Trolley service, understand the level of satisfaction with the service, and explore the level of community support for long-term operation and funding of service.

 **MITROLLEY**
Monmouth-Independence

The cities of Monmouth and Independence are evaluating the MI Trolley transit service and would like to hear your opinion. The service started in April 2023 and has funding secured until June 2025. The cities are working on securing continued funding to sustain the trolley service operations beyond June 2025. The purpose of this survey is to gauge the level of awareness that our communities have about the MI Trolley service, understand the level of satisfaction with the service, and explore the level of community support for long-term operation and funding of service.

Take the survey by clicking the button below.

[Take Survey Here](#)

Love Local Scratch-Its Continue Until February 29



Get your Love Local Scratch-Its before it's too late!

For the rest of February, shop at any of the 19 participating businesses and receive a Love Local scratch-it with every purchase of \$5 or more while supplies last. Scratch-its can be used towards your next purchase, and every scratch-it is a winner! Scratch-it values vary between \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20.

Here is the complete list of participating businesses:

- The Collection on Main
- Jubilee Champagne & Desserts
- Golden Hop Saloon
- Brew Coffee & Tap House
- Gilgamesh: The River
- Arena Sports Bar & Grill
- Maganda Glassworks
- Melting Pot Candy
- The Little Pumpkin Cat Cafe
- The Tap Station
- Painted Pony Coffee & Cream
- Indy Commons
- Territory
- Starduster Cafe
- Chase Bar & Grill
- Ovenbird Bakery
- Pink House Cafe
- Bramble Boutique
- Willow Design NW

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Are you eager to master Google's power to captivate audiences, craft leads, and drive more sales?

Join us for our next Marketing Mondays class, a free, easy-to-follow program focused on helping you maximize your time and marketing budget. Our next class occurs on **Monday, February 26, 2024, from 10 AM - 12:30 PM**, at the new Monmouth Civic Center (151 Main Street W Monmouth, OR 97361).

These classes are for every type of business and we guarantee everyone will learn something new. Don't miss out on this opportunity to better your business!

Register for the class by clicking the button below.

[Register Here](#)

Independence's F Street Bridge Receives Engineering Excellence Award

In January, Independence's F Street Bridge received an Engineering Excellence Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of



Oregon (ACEC Oregon). At the most recent city council meeting, the award was presented to the city, as well as representatives from the Oregon Department of Transportation. ODOT paid for a

large portion of the \$2.3 million replacement.

"ODOT is honored to be a partner in this project," said Area Manager Anna Henson. "Anything that can enhance the livability of a community such as Independence—that fits within ODOT's values."

The F Street Bridge had become structurally and functionally inadequate. A modern structure that supports the transportation infrastructure of the community and enhances the surrounding public spaces – including a unique historic bridge railing system – was designed by engineering firm Otak as its replacement.

[Read More Here](#)

City Staff Engage in Collaborative Discussion with Local Home Builders Association

Last week, an insightful conversation took place between the Home Builder's Association (HBA) of Marion & Polk Counties and Independence city staff. The primary agenda? Delving into the intricate topic of system development charges (SDCs). System Development Charges,



also known as impact fees or development impact fees, are fees imposed by local governments on new development projects to help cover the costs associated with expanding or improving public infrastructure and services. SDCs are a common tool used by local governments to manage growth and ensure that new development contributes its fair share to the cost of supporting and accommodating that growth.

The city graciously extended an invitation to the HBA to share their concerns and perspectives on this crucial matter.

The meeting was marked by constructive dialogue and a shared commitment to finding equitable solutions. Both parties expressed their viewpoints openly, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

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Local Artist Donates Painting to Civic Center



Earlier this week, the Independence Civic Center received a beautiful donation in the form of handcrafted artwork from local artist Pam Serra-Wenz. The painting depicts an overhead shot of Independence, with the roaring Willamette River

complimenting the vibrancy of the city colors.

Pam's artwork, along with rotating exhibits from over 70 local artists, can be found at the River Gallery on Main Street in Independence. Consider stopping in and supporting local artists when you're downtown, and the next time you're in the civic center, keep an eye out for more work from local artists featured throughout our halls, waiting areas, and event spaces.

Attend the Annual State of the City Address

UPCOMING EVENT:

State of the Cities

Please join us for an Annual update from Monmouth Mayor Koontz & Independence Mayor McArdle

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 8:30AM

Location: Monmouth City Hall

Address: 151 Main St W,
Monmouth, OR 97361



Mayor Koontz



Mayor McArdle

Email to RSVP-  micc@micc-or.org

Contribute to Independence's Thriving Downtown



You're Invited
to Attend IDA's
Quarterly Meeting

February 22, 2024 at 6PM
Indy Commons
154 S Main St, Independence

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from American National Insurance



Join the Independence Downtown Association for their quarterly meeting on February 22, 2024, at 6 PM in Indy Commons (154 S Main St, Independence, Oregon).

Attend and learn about events happening downtown, get business and community news, and meet others who have an interest in the vitality of Independence's downtown.

[Learn More Here](#)

Habitat for Humanity Now Accepting Applications for Affordable Homeownership Program

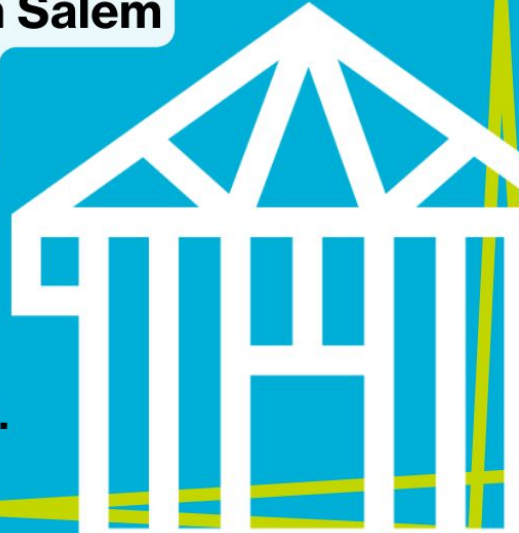


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