

River City Briefs

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Independence Police Launch Video Newsletter



The Independence Police department has launched a video newsletter, a series allowing you to better understand the department, the work they do, and share the latest news from within.

In this first episode, listen to Independence Police Chief Robert Mason talk about an overview of his department, what crimes are trending, and what his department is looking forward to in 2024.

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Love Local Scratch-Its Bring Joy All Month Long



Love Local Scratch-Its are back!

From February 1-28, 2024, 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

Meet Independence's HR Director

Meet Your City Staff



AMANDA CHRISTENSEN
HR Director

Human resources, often overlooked and undervalued, plays a crucial role in shaping the backbone of any organization by fostering a positive workplace culture and ensuring employee well-being.

In the latest installment of our "Meet Your City Staff" video series, learn the story of Amanda Christensen, the dedicated Human Resources Director at the heart of Independence's organization. Join Amanda as she shares her passion for public service, discusses her long-history with the Amity Fire District, and delivers a special message to our city staff.

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Independence Hires New Finance Director

Welcome!

ROB MOODY
Finance Director



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Join us in welcoming the city of Independence's new Finance Director, Rob Moody!

Rob grew up in Independence and has over 35 years of government accounting experience, previously serving as a finance officer for the cities of Wilsonville, Sherwood, and The Dalles. Rob also served as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in The Dalles. Rob has spoken nationally, regionally, and locally on governmental accounting and reporting. Rob is a graduate of Western Washington University with a degree in Accounting and is a licensed CPA and Municipal Auditor in Oregon

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Water/Sewer Deposit Update



In November 2023, Independence city council approved amending the city utility fee schedule, specifically the section that requires deposits for those connecting to the city's water system. This was done to increase accessibility and affordability to those seeking to establish a residency here in the city.

Therefore, if your utility account is in good standing, your deposit and interest have been applied to all accounts. The city no longer requires deposits for water/sewer service.

[First Marketing Mondays Class of the Season](#)

Sees Success

January 22, 2024 saw the kickoff of our latest Marketing Mondays season at the Independence Civic Center. With an exciting panel of speakers featuring Mike Peterson of Hite Digital Marketing, Tim Fahndrich of WhirLocal, Brian Kaufman, Dr. Kristine Medyanik of Shattered Glass



Leadership, and hosted by Director of Local Oregon Legacy Builders Rick Saffuels, attendees gained insight into the latest Marketing Trends of 2024.

After the initial panel finished, attendees received an opportunity for one-on-one coaching with the marketing leaders, helping them outline their strategies and offer valuable input.

If you or someone you know owns a business in Monmouth-Independence, consider checking out our next Marketing Mondays class on **February 26, 2024**, to learn everything you should know about Google. To learn more and register, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

US Senator Jeff Merkley's Staff Engages with Independence Community



Last week, US Senator Jeff Merkley's staff visited Independence, sparking a meaningful dialogue on the city's infrastructure needs and ongoing projects. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for city staff and Mayor McArdle to update the senator's team on crucial initiatives,

fostering a stronger connection between the people of Independence and

their Federal representatives.

During the meeting, the focus centered on the city's infrastructure, with particular attention given to essential projects such as the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Furthermore, the conversation touched upon the pressing need for enhanced connectivity, especially addressing the challenges faced by residents commuting from the south end to the north.

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SEDCOR Hosts Networking Event



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH | 4:00 PM



Oregon Entrepreneurs Network is hosting their first networking PubTalk in Salem on Wednesday, February 14 from 5 pm - 7 pm at barre3. Fitting that their first PubTalk in Salem is on Oregon's birthday! PubTalks are Oregon Entrepreneurs Network's flagship networking events where members of the entrepreneurial community gather to connect and learn from and about entrepreneurs. Engage in conversation, discover opportunities and partners to help your business grow! There will be food, beverages, 5-Minute Pitches from regional entrepreneurs, and a facilitated networking game to loosen up the crowd.







Register and learn more by clicking the button below.

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FEBRUARY



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			February is  love your library Month	1	2 Teen & Adult Paint Fun w/Jen Hibbard 4 pm	3
4	5 Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	6	7 Storytime 10:30 am	8	9	10 
11	12 Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	13	 Storytime 10:30 am ----- Valentine BINGO & Decorate a Cookie 4 pm	15 Coloring Club (all ages kids-adults) 4 pm 	16	17
18 	19 Library Closed President's Day	20 Mystery Book Club 4 pm ----- Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	21 Storytime 10:30 am	22	23 Teen & Adult Book BINGO! 3 pm	24
25	26 Youth Coding League 4-6 pm (5th-8th Grade)	27 Tuesday Crafternoon: Roller Art 4 pm	28 Storytime 10:30 am	29		30 

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