

Independence Police Release Latest Video;
Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Independence Police - March Video Newsletter



Check out Independence Police's latest video newsletter!

In this month's video, Detective Fleming goes over the dangers of scams, the deceptive tactics used, and how to avoid falling victim to these crimes. In recognition of the National Slam the Scam campaign, Independence police are partnering with agencies across the nation to raise public awareness surrounding scams, especially government-related scams.

Watch Video
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Learn About Local Woman's Role in Historical Medical Practice

CURATOR'S CORNER

*Episode 7:
Alice
Layton*



Dr. Clifford Fratzke was a prominent physician in Independence, Oregon during the 1930s into the mid-20th century, along with cousin Dr. George Knott. At their practice, Fratzke employed Alice Layton, an Independence resident, who would later become a community pillar through the people she encountered through her work.

Dr. Fratzke would go on to work at the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital in Portland and Salem, joining the frontline fight against the disease in the Pacific Northwest.

Join Museum Curator Amy Christensen as she interviews Alice's descendants (Keith & Kurt Layton) and gathers personal stories on her impact throughout the community. To see all ways the Independence heritage Museum is celebrating Women's History Month, visit their website at www.orheritage.org

Watch Video
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Sunset Meadows Park Groundbreaking Ceremony



SUNSET MEADOWS PARK



Groundbreaking Ceremony

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 | 4 PM
889 MAPLE ST.
INDEPENDENCE, OREGON 97351



Snacks, water, and giveaways are provided

Be part of the process and join the city of Independence for a groundbreaking ceremony of Sunset Meadows Park (889 Maple St. Independence, Oregon 97351) on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 4 PM. Giveaways and snacks are provided.

The park project will include installing Nature Play Equipment and seating suitable for picnicking by small groups such as picnic tables. A safety surface (engineered wood fiber or similar) will also be installed. The installation will include concrete work to tie the project location into the existing trail infrastructure and connect individual site elements. Funded through grants and System Development charges, this park will bring to fruition the vision expressed by our community during the 2015 Parks Master Plan, creating an important new amenity for families in one of our city's newest neighborhoods.

Construction of the park is set to start this month and continue until October 2024.

Celebrate Mr. Rogers' Birthday on the MI Trolley

A photograph of Mr. Rogers, Fred Rogers, smiling and wearing a white cardigan, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is wearing a blue and yellow striped party hat with a red star on top. He is sitting on a red trolley with yellow seats. The trolley has a sign that says "MONMOUTH - INDEPENDENCE".

Hello, Neighbor!

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

CELEBRATE

Mr. Rogers' Birthday!

MARCH 20TH

On the MI Trolley 11am - 5pm

Ride the MI Trolley...
wearing cardigans, ties, & sneakers!
Take photos of yourself to share
on social media with hashtags:
#HappyBirthdayMrRogers
#DressLikeFred



MI TROLLEY
Monmouth-Independence

Free stickers for those who participate!

Enhance Your Business Website Through a
Free and Interactive Class



MARKETING MONDAYS

Growing Your Marketing Skills One Monday At A Time

Ready to revolutionize your web presence? Join us for our final Marketing Mondays class of the season, focused on providing insights into creating a successful website for your small business. Learn about the do's and don'ts, and then apply these lessons during our hands-on learning workshop.

Our class occurs this coming **Monday, March 18, 2024, from 10 AM - 12:30 PM, at the Independence Civic Center (555 S Main Street, Independence, Oregon)**

[Register Here](#)

Independence Police Release Monthly Call Report



Have you been curious about what Independence police officers have been up to all month?

The Independence Police Department is sharing a sample of the calls for service each month to inform and educate community members on the work we do.

FEBRUARY 2024

During February, Officers engaged in over 730 activities, including 36 arrests (adults and juvenile referrals), 22 check welfares, 12 domestic disturbances, 6 hit-and-run crashes, five emotional health calls, and 53 suspicious persons/vehicle calls.

[Read Full Stats Here](#)

Independence Staff Recognized by Central School District

During a recent Central School District board meeting, Independence city staff and Mayor McArdle received commendation for their pivotal involvement during the district's recent network disruption. Our staff assisted connecting federal law enforcement agencies with the district,

as well as involved Information Technology support.

Superintendent Jennifer Kubista expressed gratitude, stating, “Thank you for nurturing our valuable relationship.”

Additionally, Western Oregon University, Willamette Education Service District, and MINET were

acknowledged for their support in aiding the district. Their assistance included providing hot spots to schools, facilitating uninterrupted payroll processing, and opening technology labs for printing purposes.

The city of Independence takes great pride in fostering collaborative partnerships with local agencies across our community, working together for the betterment and advancement of our community’s well-being.



Statewide Tourism Group Explores Independence



Earlier this week, city staff took attendees of the Oregon Governor’s Conference on Tourism on a tour of Independence’s notable areas. These participants, hailing from various corners of Oregon and even internationally, engaged in discussions led by a diverse panel of speakers, including representatives from the

Independence Hotel, Parallel 45 Brewing, and Tokola Properties. The panel discussions delved into their reasons for choosing Independence, insights into their respective markets, and the promising opportunities that lie ahead.

Moreover, guests had the opportunity to engage with Indy Idea Hub, explore the Independence Heritage Museum, and enjoy a delightful ride aboard the MI Trolley to our sister city of Monmouth.

Such visits underscore the growing significance of tourism for both our city and the broader region.

2024 Events in Downtown Independence

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Independence is a vibrant and active community. Many business and organizations are hosting events throughout the year.

These events happen in the heart of downtown, drawing folks from near and far.



April: Farmer's Markets

During this month both the Independence Farmer's Market and Riverview Market open for the season.

April 20: Puddle Hopper

Hosted by IDA, this shop local event celebrates the PNW rainy weather. Try to find the golden umbrella, and attend the evening reception where umbrellas decorated by local artists will be up for auction.

June 14: Last Day of School Celebration

School is out, summer is here, and we want to celebrate! Visit interactive booths, eat some treats, and celebrate the end of school.

July 4-6: Independence Days

Vendors, fireworks, parade, and much, much more!

Main and C Streets are closed for some/or all of this event



July & August: Movies and Music in the Park

Hosted by the City of Independence, free movies and concerts can be found on Thursday and Friday nights.

August 24 & 25 : Community Fiesta

Featuring vendors, food, music, and lots of fun bringing the whole community to together.

September 21: Hop & Heritage Festival

Hosted by IDA, this event celebrates our agricultural past and present with over 60 vendors, entertainment, soda garden, music, cornhole tournaments, beer garden, and much more.

C Street is closed for this event

October 5: Ghost Walk

Ushering in the spooktacular season of Halloween with a flair and touch of history. This event is hosted by the Heritage Museum.

October 31: Downtown Trick or Treat

Local business and organizations work with IDA to bring this trick or treating tradition to downtown.

December 7: Santa Train

Chew! Cheeww! Santa is comin' to town - literally. Hosted by the Elks Lodge this event happens every first Saturday in December.

C Street is closed for this event




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Find more events by visiting:
www.downtownindependence.com



Attend an Upcoming Class at Inspiration Garden

Bonsai Basics

A talk and demonstration
for all bonsai enthusiasts!



SATURDAY
MARCH 16
10 A.M.
NO COST!



This indoor drop-in event will be held
in the Gathering Place at the
Inspiration Garden at Mt. Fir Park
799 F St. Independence , OREGON



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Spring YMCA Program Registrations Now Open

YMCA NEWS



SPRING REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

- Flag Football- 1st-6th grade
- Micro Soccer- 3-5 years old
- Soccer- Kindergarten- 6th grade
- Volleyball- 3rd-6th grade

REGISTER ONLINE, OVER THE PHONE OR IN HOUSE TODAY!
Online- TheYOnline.org
Over the phone- 5038384042
In house- 425 Gwinn St, Monmouth, OR 97361



Parent night out!
March 15th, 2024
Starting from 6:30PM-9:30PM
Ages 5-12 years old
Members \$10, Community members \$25
\$5 additional child

YMCA CHEER & GYMNASTICS

Cheer classes start in April for ages 3 years- High school age!

- Tumbling
- Stunting
- Cheer fundamentals

Gymnastic classes start in April

- Micro (3-5 years old)
- Beginner classes
- Intermediate classes

A Membership the Whole Family Can Enjoy!



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