

Six Fridays of Entertainment;
More Independence Days Fun

River City Briefs

July 5, 2024

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More Events & Excitement Mark the End of
Independence Days



2024 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, July 5th WRISTBANDS REQUIRED



- 12:00PM** Vendors Open
Fun & Games Field Opens
-FREE Inflatable Fun
-Themed crafts by the YMCA
-Games & prizes by the YMCA
-Special festival activities
- 5:30PM** Duck Derby Race on the Willamette
(Sponsored by Cabinetworks)
- 6:30PM** Arabi || Shay Baca
- 8:15PM** DTW
- 10:00PM** Hometown Fireworks Show
- 10:20PM** DTW Encore

For more event details, please visit:
www.ci.independence.or.us/independence-days-celebration

Even though it's July 5, the Independence Days party is far from over! Head to Riverview Park today for a fantastic lineup of events that will make your day unforgettable. Join us for the annual Duck Derby race, live concerts, another round of spectacular fireworks, and more!

You can still purchase wristbands at the entrance of Riverview park for \$10.

To learn more about this year's celebration, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Summer Concert Series Returns Next Friday



This week's concert in the park:

WHISKEY RIVER - LYNYRD SKYNYRD TRIBUTE BAND

Opener: Cool change PDx (80's rock)



FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT WWW.CI.INDEPENDENCE.OR.US/RIVERS-EDGE-SUMMER-SERIES/

Get Ready for an Unforgettable Evening by the river!

Next week kicks off the first concert in our River's Edge Summer Series at 6:00 PM in Riverview Park, and we can't wait to rock with you!

Headlining the night is the incredible Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band "Whiskey River," guaranteed to bring those Southern rock vibes. But that's not all! The night starts with a bang as the awesome 80s rock band "Cool Change" takes the stage as our opener.

Admission is just \$5, and kids 10 and under get in FREE! So bring the whole family for a night of music, fun, and great memories.

For more information about the Summer Series, including details on parking, restricted items, band bios, and more, click the button below:

[Learn More Here](#)



On May 28, 2024, the city council approved a water rate adjustment effective July 1, 2024. This 5.5% adjustment will result in a \$2.99 increase in the average single-family monthly water bill. Additionally, the city will transition to a tiered water rate structure as part of a state-mandated Water Management and Conservation plan. This plan intends to promote conservation and water stewardship within the city.

Why are my utility bills going up?

The city adopted a Water System Master Plan on March 28, 2023, and the Water System Development Charge Methodology Resolution on February 27, 2024. The city council held a work session on April 22, 2024, to review the water rates required to fund the capital improvements plan. The April 2024 Water Rate Study recommended a 5.5% increase for the next 5 years to cover inflation, debt, and ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the water system.

Moreover, as part of the state-mandated conservation plan, ratepayers who use 15-30 centum (100) cubic feet per month will be charged a 20% premium over the base block price. Payers who use over 31 centum cubic feet will be charged a 75% price premium over their base block*. Based on historical data, most of our community members (63%) will not be affected by the state-mandated conservation plan changes.

To learn more about how this process was conducted, watch the city council work session and meeting by clicking the button below.

*These premiums were incorrectly reported in a previous newsletter.

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Independence Police Welcome Newest Recruit

Our newest recruit, Eric Alcaraz officially graduated from the police academy on June 21, and he's already hitting the ground running with field training this week.

Join us in congratulating Eric on this great achievement! Welcome to the team!



Ash Creek Arts Center July Classes

Pre-K Art Class

at Ash Creek Arts Center

Every Wednesday in July

10:00AM - 11:30AM

**\$10 OR SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

sign up online at
www.ashcreekarts.org



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Independence Public Library July Calendar



July 2024

Summer Reading Continues...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Family Storytime Wednesdays at 10:30 am.		2 	3 No Storytime today.	4 happy 4th JULY!	5	6
7	8	9	10 Kid's Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! 3 pm 	11	Teen & Adult Upcycled Weaving 3 pm	12
14 	15	16 Mystery Book Club Riverview Park 4 pm	17 Paradise of Samoa Riverview Park 2 pm	18 Nature Names Inspiration Garden 3 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 Magician Jeff Evans Riverview Park 2 pm	25	Teen & Adult Recycled Yard Art 3 pm	26
28	29	30 Read, Renew, Repeat	31		Independence Public Library 175 Monmouth Street Independence, OR 97351 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library	

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