

60-Second Council Report;
Community Talk with City Manager Kenna West

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60-Second Council Report - September 10, 2024



Want to know more about what happens at our city council meetings? Welcome to the 60-Second Council, a video series we created to make it easier for you to understand the important work happening in our community. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged, ensuring that together, we can continue to build a better, kinder, and stronger city.

For more information on what happens at our city council meetings, visit: <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/agenda-minutes/>

Watch Video Here

Community Talk with City Manager Kenna West



Two Locations. One Great Conversation.

Community Talk with the City Manager

Date: Second Thursday of the Month

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM and 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Morning: Brew Coffee & Tap House
Evening: Golden Hop Saloon



Two locations. One great conversation. Join Independence City Manager Kenna West for Community Talks!

Independence residents are invited to join City Manager Kenna West for an open, friendly discussion on topics of your choice—no agenda, no time limits, just honest conversation. Choose the time that works best for you:

9:00–10:00 am at Brew Coffee & Tap House

6:00–7:00 pm at Golden Hop Saloon

These talks will be held on the second Thursday of every month, starting September 12th. We look forward to hearing from you!

How to Approach a Mid-block Crosswalk When Driving

Here's How You Should Approach the Temporary Midblock Crossings When

Driving

- ☑ If a pedestrian is on your side of the street or waiting in the median to cross to your side, you must stop and allow them to cross fully.
- ☑ If a pedestrian is on the opposite side of the street or not waiting to cross your side, you may proceed with caution.
- ☑ If a crossing guard is present, you must follow the directions of the crossing guard. If the guard stops traffic for pedestrians, all lanes must come to a complete stop.



Do you know how to approach a mid-block crosswalk?

Currently, there are three temporary mid-block crossings on Monmouth Street. These mid-block crossings or safety islands are intended to create an opportunity for a two-stage pedestrian crossing, helping to improve pedestrian safety while keeping traffic moving smoothly.

Here's how you should approach the temporary midblock crossings when you are driving:

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- If a crossing guard is present, you must follow the directions of the crossing guard. If the guard stops traffic for pedestrians, all lanes must come to a complete stop.

The temporary crossings will be in place for about a month while the city and the Oregon Department of Transportation evaluate their effectiveness. Lessons learned from the evaluation will guide future improvements and help secure potential grant funding.

To help us learn what individuals think of the crossings, please share your thoughts about the project so far. What has worked and, what hasn't? Your feedback is important and will be included in the final assessment, helping shape decisions about the final project's final decisions. You can email us at midblock@ci.independence.or.us with your ideas.

For more information on the Central Talmadge Plan, visit our website <https://www.ci.independence.or.us/central-talmadge-plan/>

[More About Central Talmadge](#)

Gun Club Road Back Open

Fantastic Update!

Polk County's Safe Routes to School project is now finished, and the road is open. This initiative, funded by a Safe Routes to School grant, includes new bicycle lanes and sidewalks along Hoffman Road and Gun Club Road, as well as an upgraded pedestrian crossing at the Marigold Road and Gun Club Road intersection.



This improvement enhances safety for students traveling to and from school.

We're excited to see these changes make a positive impact on our community and ensure a safer environment for our children.

For more information about the Oregon Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program, visit oregonsaferoutes.org.

Back to School for Our SROs



SRO Fleming and SRO Gonzalez report their summer break went swimmingly. We were worried they might be too pool for school but they assured us they're still ready to surf and protect and get back in the swim of things. Please make sure to wave when you see them.

Wishing all Central 13J students, staff, and parents a great 24-25 school year!

Independence Police Release Monthly Report



Have you been curious about what our 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.

August 2024

In August, officers engaged in 690 activities, including 16 Arrests (Adults and Juvenile), 18 check welfares, 18 domestic disturbances, 210 traffic stops, 9 emotional health calls, and 51 Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle calls.

- Independence PD assisted the Monmouth PD with the pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Officers terminated the pursuit due to the reckless driving of the stolen vehicle. The driver remains at large.

[Read More Here](#)

Events Coming Up In Independence

The Independence Downtown Association presents:



The Hop and Heritage Festival

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 12PM - 8PM



LAUNCH MID-VALLEY

COFFEE CLUB
for **START-UPS**

INDEPENDENCE

Every 4th
Thursday of the
month from
8 - 9 am

September 26th | 8 - 9 am

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