

Walk of Hearts Fundraiser Returns;
Upcoming Public Hearings

River City Briefs

January 2, 2025

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Happy New Year!



Happy New Year! As we welcome a new year, we're grateful for the people, partnerships, and moments that make our community such a special place. Here's to new opportunities, continued progress, and working together in the year ahead. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and joyful New Year.

Upcoming Public Hearings



The city of Independence encourages residents to stay informed and take part in upcoming public hearings that help guide local impacts:

January 5, 2025 - Consideration of Revised Change to Fence Standards

The Commission will hold a public hearing on a potential change to the fence standards in the city of Independence to better accommodate fences that are six feet with barbed wire.

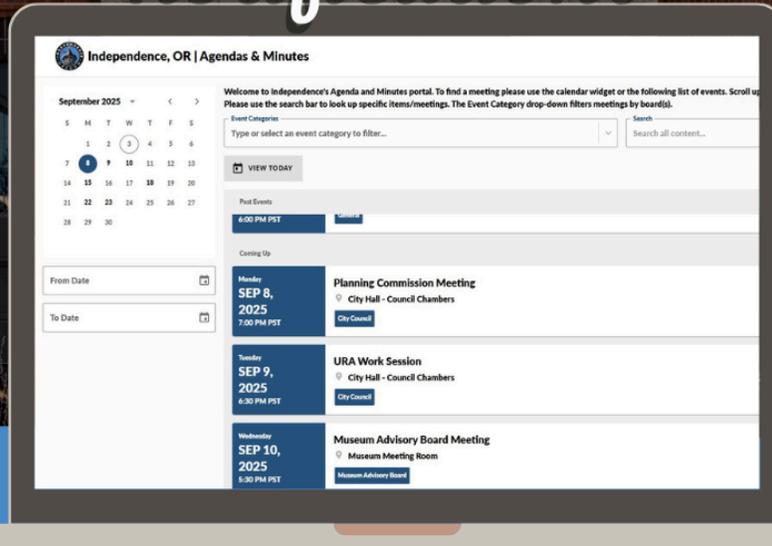
January 13, 2025 - Consideration of Revised Standards for Mobile Vendors and Food Trucks

At the Independence City Council meeting of January 13, 2026, the Council will continue a public hearing to discuss revised standards for mobile vending devices and food trucks.

[Learn More Here](#)

Sign-Up for Public Meeting Notifications

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Stay up-to-date on all our public meetings!



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Start the New Year informed.

We launched a new Public Meetings Portal designed to be more user-friendly and easier to navigate. Signing up for automatic email notifications takes just a few minutes. Here's how to get started:

Step 1: Visit the Public Meetings Portal

<https://independenceor.portal.civicclerk.com/>

Step 2: Click Sign In in the top right. New users select Sign up.

Step 3: After signing in, click Subscriptions.

Step 4: Choose the meeting types you want, such as City Council or Boards & Commissions.

Step 5: Verify your email if prompted.

That's it. You will now get updates straight to your inbox. You can change your preferences anytime under Subscriptions.

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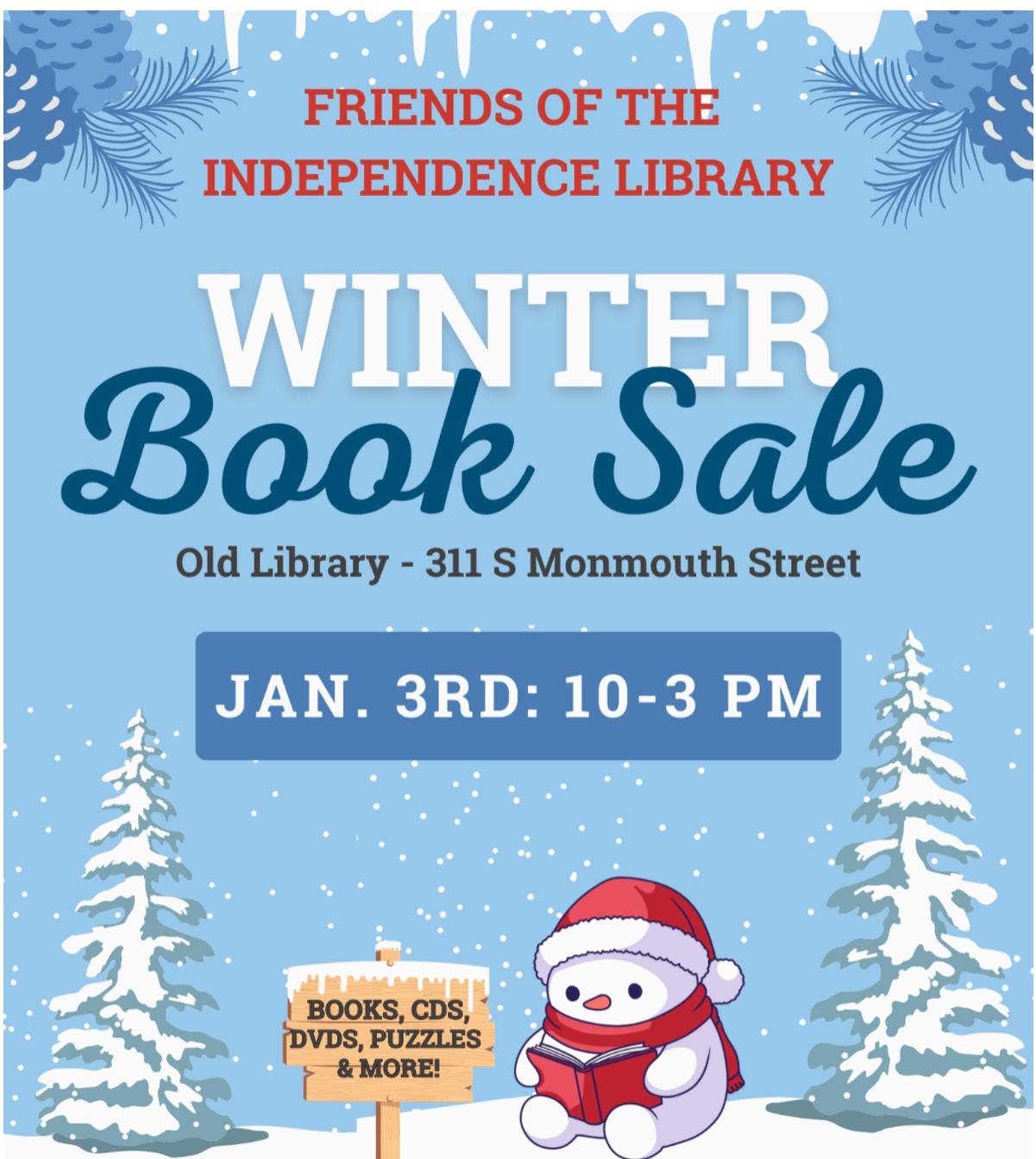
Upcoming Winter Book Sale

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WINTER *Book Sale*

Old Library - 311 S Monmouth Street

JAN. 3RD: 10-3 PM



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For more info: Call 503-838-1811

Free Income Tax Preparation Services



Free Income Tax Preparation Services!

Both programs operate on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from February 6 through April 11.

By appointment only. Learn more at www.MITaxResources.org

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Offers free tax preparation services to low-to-moderate income taxpayers of all ages, but with a focus on those who are 60 years of age and older. You don't need to be an AARP member to take advantage of the Tax-Aide program.

Appointment requests will be accepted on or after January 15th. Visit our website or text/call 971-915-0316 to make your appointment.

WOU VITA Program

Offers free tax preparation services to:

- People who generally make \$67,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

Many of our tax preparers are fluent in Spanish.

Appointment requests will be accepted on or after January 15th. Visit our website or text/call 503-751-4132 to make your appointment.

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Walk of Hearts Fundraiser Returns



Express your sentiment with a personal message on a bright red heart.

Your message of love will hang on a lamp post in downtown Independence during the month of February.

Scan QR to order your heart TODAY!

Order forms at www.downtownindependence.com

Order DEADLINE: **January 9th, 2026**



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All proceeds go towards funding multiple IDA events throughout the year including:
Summer Flower Baskets, Last Day of School, Hop & Heritage Festival, Halloween, Lighted Holiday Wreaths, and more.

Buy Heart Here

Honor MLK with Day of Service



Sign up by January 12



2026 MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Help make a difference in Monmouth. Join the City of Monmouth and volunteer and give back on this national day of service. Volunteers will help do basic yard work and cleaning for community members who need assistance. We will gather at 9:00am at the Monmouth Senior Community Center at 180 Warren St. and volunteer activities will take place until 12:00pm.



If you have any questions, please reach out to Suzanne Dufner at 503-751-0147
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