

# River City Briefs

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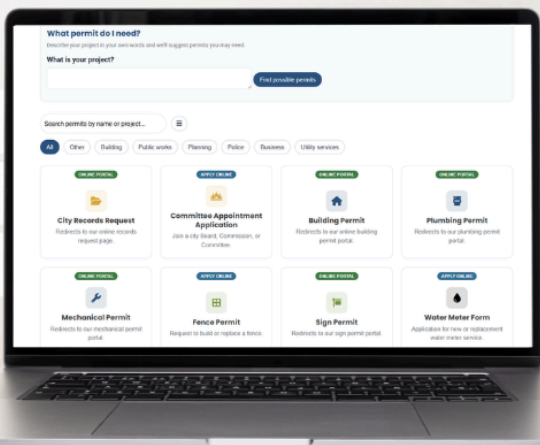
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## Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Begin



Our crews began work this week at the wastewater treatment plant on a waterline realignment. This marks the beginning of upgrades that include a new screened headworks, which removes large debris from incoming wastewater to protect equipment, improve treatment efficiency, and help reduce odors. We are also adding aeration to the lagoons to break down waste more quickly and upgrading the disinfection system to ensure treated water is safe before it is returned to the environment.

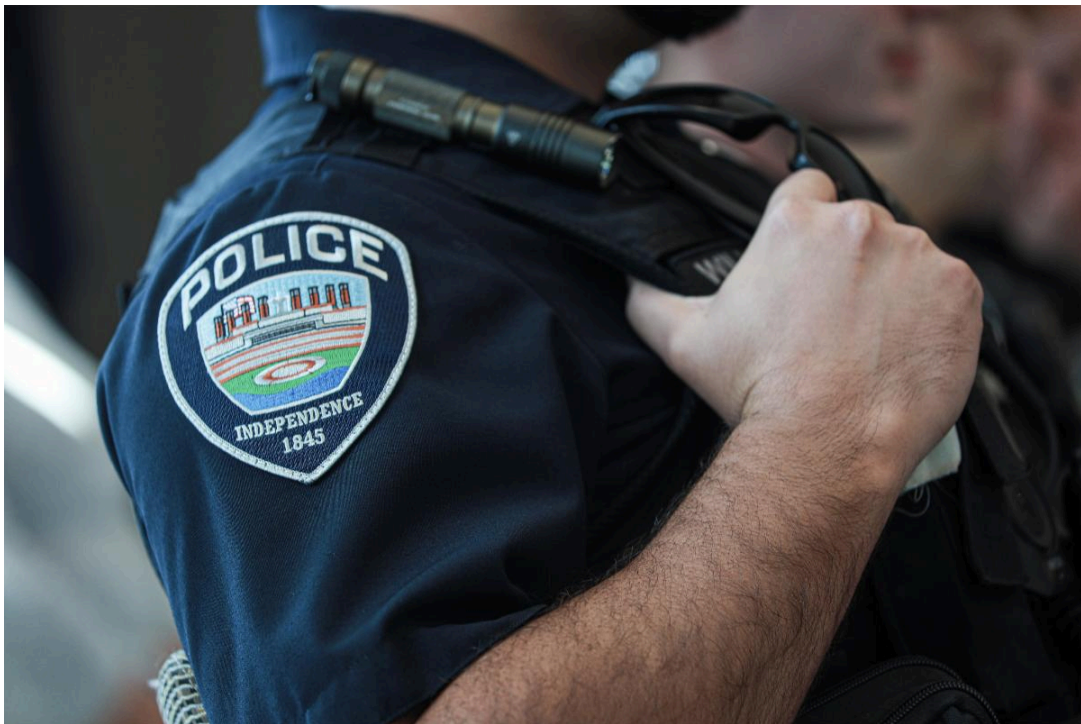
Infrastructure like this may go unseen, but it benefits every home and business in Independence by keeping water clean and our systems reliable.

## Lagoon Maintenance Continues

Public Works skimmed the wastewater lagoons this week and last week. A vacuum truck removed built-up materials, including fats, oils, grease, and biosolids, which were then hauled to a landfill. This essential work made a noticeable dent in the surface layer and may help reduce odors around town. Although not always visible, this work plays a critical role in maintaining the infrastructure that keeps our community's wastewater system running safely and efficiently.



## 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.

In February 2026, officers engaged in 807 activities. These included 35 arrests (adults and juveniles), 15 welfare checks, 9 domestic disturbances, 1 hit-and-run crash, 17 emotional health calls, and 62 suspicious activity/person/vehicle calls. The activities listed above represent just a portion of the calls officers respond to. Other incidents may include resident

contact calls, tows, attempts to locate, assisting other agencies, crashes, and other service requests.

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## Community Turns Out for Stormwater Master Plan Open House



Last week, we hosted our first Stormwater Master Plan Open House, and we appreciate everyone who took the time to stop by, ask questions, and learn more about how stormwater moves through our community.

Stormwater systems do a lot behind the scenes. They help prevent flooding, protect homes and businesses, reduce pollution in our rivers, and keep streets safe during heavy rain. In Oregon, where wet weather is part of life, that infrastructure works around the clock, whether we see it or not. While it may not always grab headlines, maintaining and improving our stormwater system is essential to keeping the city running day in and day out. It is the kind of work that often goes unnoticed, but it makes a real difference every time it rains.

If you were not able to attend, you can still learn more about Stormwater by clicking the button below.

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# NOW HIRING

## POLICE OFFICER

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Join our team today!



Want to make a difference by serving your community?

The city of Independence is seeking a dedicated and community-focused Police Officer to join our team. This role involves patrolling city streets to maintain safety, investigating crimes, enforcing laws, and collaborating with community members to address the root causes of crime. This position offers a dynamic work environment, requiring excellent problem-solving, communication, and interpersonal skills, as well as a commitment to public safety and community well-being.

Join our team today!

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## Celebrate Earth Day



Help us remove invasive plants along  
South Fork Ash Creek!



Saturday, April 18 @ 9am - 12pm

Brandy Meadows Ash Creek Trail (11th and Hickory St., Independence)

Details and RSVP at [Luckiamute.org/earth-day-ash-creek](https://luckiamute.org/earth-day-ash-creek)



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