

Independence Police Monthly Report;
Latest Historic Homes Roadshow Video

River City Briefs

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Touch-a-Truck Event Returns



PRESENTED BY SEDCOR & THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

FREE EVENT

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Touch-a-Truck

Riverview Park Independence

RIVERVIEW PARK IN INDY

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SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 - 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
RIVERVIEW PARK @ 50 C STREET, INDEPENDENCE

The poster features a central image of a yellow dump truck. It is surrounded by various logos and text elements, including the City of Independence seal, the SEDCOR logo, and several colorful balloons. The event details are prominently displayed in the center and bottom of the poster.

Rev up your engines, Touch-a-Truck is rolling back into Riverview Park on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 9 AM-2 PM for a day packed with family fun and excitement. Get up close and personal with all your favorite vehicles, from construction behemoths to emergency service transports. As part of the festivities, a helicopter will land in Riverview Park—stay tuned for the timing! We'll be offering a quiet hour sensory (no horns or sirens) from 1-2

PM for anyone with sensory sensitivities. The **The Monmouth Independence Family YMCA** is also returning with their free Mother's Day card making station!

Admission is FREE, but we encourage you to bring food donations for the **Ella Curran Food Bank**.

Thank you to our partners at **SEDCOR** for making this event possible.

[Learn More Here](#)

Historic Homes Roadshow: Episode 6 - 389 D Street



In Episode 6 of Historic Homes Roadshow, we explore the history of 389 D Street with long-time owners Ben and Mary Cooper.

Built around 1892–1893 by J.F. O'Donnell, the home was later used as housing for railroad employees and saw residents who were deeply connected to the community, including a future mayor and a long-time station agent.

The house shows hints of Queen Anne and Italianate style and has evolved over time, while nearby historic buildings, like the moved Calvary Presbyterian Church, add context to the neighborhood's past.

[Watch Video Here](#)



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 March 2026, officers engaged in 932 activities. These included 31 arrests (adults and juveniles), 12 welfare checks, 12 domestic disturbances, 6 hit-and-run crashes, 12 emotional health calls, and 62 suspicious activity/person/vehicle calls. The activities listed above represent just a portion of the calls to which officers respond. Other incidents may include resident contact calls, tows, attempt to locate, assisting other agencies, crashes, and other service requests.

[Read Full Report](#)

Osprey Camera Back Online

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A TRACE HOTEL



Ospreys have officially been spotted at the nest, marking the start of the season.

Our osprey cam is up and running, giving you a front row seat as they settle in and the season unfolds. Thanks to generous donors, this year the feed includes sound so you will be able to hear the ospreys' calls as they return and begin nesting.

The best way to keep up with the action is by watching and subscribing to our YouTube channel. You can tune in anytime and catch the moments as they happen,

A big thank you to **The Independence Hotel, Polk County Fire District No.1**, and all our donors for helping host and support the camera.

Keep an eye and an ear on the nest, things are just getting started.

[Watch Live Feed](#)

Community Diaper Drive Now Underway

We're proud to be a collection site for the 17th Annual Diaper Drive hosted by Les Schwab Tire Centers, supporting families through Family Building Blocks.

Babies need 8 to 10 diaper changes a day, and for many families, that cost adds up quickly. Access to essentials like diapers helps keep children clean, healthy, and safe. April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month, and supporting families with essential supplies is one way we help build a

stronger, more connected community. The goal is to collect over 100,000 diapers in 2026.

Donations can be dropped off at the Independence Civic Center (555 S Main Street).



Help Us Stitch Together Independence's Story

Our Community Story

STITCHED TOGETHER

A Community Quilt Project to Celebrate America250

**Create a quilt square.
Share your local story.**

Starting April 2nd you can pick up information at:

- Independence Heritage Museum
- Monmouth Public Library
- Independence Public Library
- Ash Creek Art Center

Return your
square by
MAY 30

COORDINATED BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



The Heritage Museum is partnering with **Friends of Community Parks** and **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** to bring a community-wide quilt project to life—Our Community Story: Stitched Together.

We're inviting you to create a quilt square that reflects your story, your connection to this place, or what makes our community special. No sewing experience needed, just your creativity.

Starting April 2, pick up a kit, including a pre-cut quilt square and information sheet, at the Heritage Museum, Independence Public Library, Monmouth Public Library, or Ash Creek Art Center. Return your completed square by May 30 to be part of a larger community display.

****Feel free to use the square provided as a template for size and use your own fabric.****

Join the Independence Police Department

NOW HIRING

POLICE OFFICER

Integrity
Excellence
Courage
Compassion

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!

Apply Here

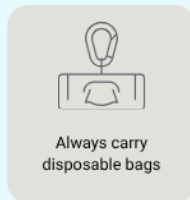
Scoop the Poop, Protect Our Water

Dog Waste & Stormwater Runoff

Every time it rains, pet waste left on the ground can be washed into storm drains, flowing directly into local rivers, creeks, and lakes—without any treatment.

What You Can Do

It's Simple: Pick it up. Bag it. Trash it.



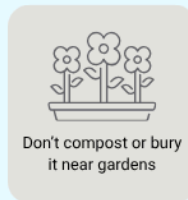
Always carry disposable bags



Never leave waste on sidewalks, lawns or near drains



Trash it securely, or flush it if approved in your area



Don't compost or bury it near gardens



Find more tips at www.ci.independence.or.us/pet-waste-stations



Be a Good Neighbor. Protect Clean Water.

When it rains, what's left behind doesn't just disappear.

Pet waste on sidewalks, lawns, and trails can wash into storm drains and flow straight into our rivers and creeks without treatment. That impacts water quality, wildlife, and our community.

Here are a few easy habits that make a big difference:

- Bring bags every time you head out.
- Don't leave waste near storm drains.
- Dispose of it properly in the trash.
- Avoid composting or burying pet waste near gardens.

Let's work together to keep our waterways clean and be good neighbors. Find more tips by clicking the button below.

Learn More Here

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