



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

April 28, 2026

May Day Rally and Economic Shutdown this Friday



days in unsafe conditions. Death and injury were commonplace at many work places and inspired such books as Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* and Jack London's *The Iron Heel*

At its national convention in Chicago, held in 1884, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (the AFL) proclaimed that "eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labor from and after May 1, 1886."

On May 1, 1886, more than 300,000 workers in 13,000 businesses across the United States walked off their jobs in the first May Day celebration in history. In Chicago, the epicenter for the 8-hour day agitators, 40,000 went out on strike.

Parades, bands and tens of thousands of demonstrators in the streets exemplified the workers' strength and unity, yet it didn't become violent as the newspapers and authorities predicted. It was not until days later that violence broke out, leading to the [Haymarket Affair](#). [The above text is adapted from "[The Brief Origins of May Day](#)."]]

Today, International Workers' Day/May Day is [celebrated as a public holiday in 95 countries](#).

This May Day, a coalition of over 200 organizations, including Indivisible, is calling for a national economic day of action. Read about why we're taking action [here](#). Over 3000 actions are planned around the country!

In Corvallis, PSL (Party for Socialism and Liberation), Third Act Corvallis, and other groups are organizing local events in support of the [May Day Nationwide Day of Collective Action](#). The central action will be a proactive, nonviolent choice to engage in little-to-no economic activity on May 1.

We encourage you to participate in the general strike, to the extent that you are able. If you can spend no money on May 1, that's fantastic. If you can walk away from work or school, wonderful! Join a local activity? Also great! Activities are planned at OSU and the Courthouse.

Oregon State University

All are welcome - students, workers, alumni, and community members! Bring your own signs!

10:30 Sign making and tea cart on quad

10:50 Speakers

11:35 Leave for the Courthouse

Benton County Courthouse - Sign up on [Mobilize](#).

12:00 Corvallis Singing Resistance

12:15 Speakers

12:45 March to Chevron and Safeway and back

2:00 Rally concludes

See below for ways you can help with these rallies!

A core principle behind all our events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

CALENDAR

April

- **4/28** | TODAY! Last Day to Register to Vote.
- **4/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize](#)!
- **4/29** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize](#)!

- **4/30 | Banner Making Session. 4-5:30 pm, Unitarian Fellowship. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)**
- **4/30 | Sign making for May Day, 5:30 pm, Manyworld. See below.**
- **4/30 | Corvallis Singing Resistance practice for May Day, 7 pm, First Christian Church. See below.**

Daily weekday protests. Benton County Courthouse,
Noon - 1 pm, every Monday - Thursday.

Bold items are new/revised since last newsletter.

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.

Please note: We will be sending shortened-format newsletters the weeks of General Meetings.

May

- **5/1** | Postcarding. 1 - 3 pm, Corvallis Plaza. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/1 | May Day Nationwide Day of Economic Disruption. See below.**
- **5/2** | Visibility Brigade Freeway Overpass Bannering. 2 - 3:30 pm. For location, email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.
- **5/3 | FUNdraiser's Repujado Workshop. See below.**
- **5/3** | Peace & Justice Jam. 6 pm, Common Fields.
- **5/6** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/6** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/6** | [Corvallis Election Town Hall](#). 6 pm, Linn-Benton Community College's Benton Center. See below.
- **5/13** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/13** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/13** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location: [Corvallis Library](#).** Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/15** | Postcarding. 10 am - 12 pm, Natural Grocers. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/19 | [Oregon's Primary Election](#). Remember to vote!**
- **5/20** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/20** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/27** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/27** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location: [Corvallis Community Center](#).** Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

To learn more about our ongoing campaigns, visit <https://indivisiblebc.org/ongoing-campaigns/>.

Contribute to May Day Event

Indivisible Table and Safety Team

- Set up the Indivisible Benton County Table (11:30 am)
- Staff the Indivisible Table (1-2 hour shifts between noon and 3 pm)
- Pack up the Indivisible Table (noon)
- Help with crosswalk safety (shifts between noon and 3 pm). Previous experience preferred.

Email events@indivisiblebc.org to volunteer. For safety or staffing the table, please indicate the times between noon and 3 pm when you are available.

Corvallis Singing Resistance

Corvallis Singing Resistance will be singing at the May Day Rally at the Courthouse, Friday May 1st at noon.

We will **meet at 11:45 am** at the **picnic tables** on the side of the Courthouse.

We have a **practice** the day before, **April 30th**, at **7 pm** at the **First Christian Church**, 602 SW Madison Ave.

Everyone is welcome to the practice and the sing at the May Day Rally.

Art Build

There will be an art build on **Thursday April 30th at 5:30 pm** at **manyworld** to make signs for the rally.

manyworld is located at **1013 NW Taylor Avenue** in Corvallis, Oregon. There is a CTS route 2 bus stop located less than two blocks away at 9th and Fremont.

There is a shared parking lot directly behind our building that manyworld visitors can use.

TODAY: Last Day to Register to Vote or Change Registration

REMEMBER: The last chance to register to vote or change your registration for the primaries is **TODAY** (Tuesday, April 28). Voter pamphlets have started going out, and ballots will start going out to registered voters April 29.

The Oregon Secretary of State is recommending that ballots be returned via one of the official dropboxes in your county ([locate Benton County dropboxes here](#)), if at all possible. Ballots must be in the boxes by 8 pm. If you must mail your ballot, mail it at least a week before election day (i.e., by May 12), because it will not be postmarked until it gets to the main Portland post office. If you have to send your ballot via mail after that date, go in to the post office and ask them to postmark your envelope right then and there.

You can **track your registration status, update your information, or check your ballot's progress** at Oregon's [My Vote](#) website.

[Click here](#) for more information about the election from Indivisible Benton County.

Canvassing to Increase Voter Turnout

Indivisible Benton County is canvassing in Corvallis and N. Albany! We're reaching out to registered Democrats and unaffiliated voters to ensure they vote early and use ballot boxes, which are critical given current attacks on elections and the USPS. We'll share deadlines and ballot box locations. No candidate campaigning — just getting people to commit to voting.

We provide printed and electronic lists and full training. Never canvassed before? No problem — first-timers are welcome, and buddying up is encouraged! People who get a knock on the door are significantly more likely to vote, and most are genuinely grateful you stopped by. Canvassing is fun; it's a great way to connect with neighbors while making a real impact on democracy.

Email voter@indivisiblebc.org or sign up via [Mobilize](#).

Supporting our Neighbors



FUNdraiser's NeST Fund Presents
Repujado Workshop
with artist Rosio Díaz

May 3, 2026
Sunday
11am-1:30pm

The Plaza
(Community Room)
425 SW Madison Ave
Corvallis, Oregon

Recommended donation
includes all materials and snacks
\$20-30 / kids under 14 yrs
\$40 / Adults



FUNdraiser invites you to another joyful event -- learn the craft of Mexican embossed metal art! Create your own beautiful tin art with all materials provided in this 2-1/2 hour workshop. All ages welcome with kids under 8 yrs old with adult supervision. Join the joy in supporting our vulnerable neighbors, be part of this amazing community and be an artist for the afternoon!

Registration required, please, by scanning the QR Code to our email and registering your name and number of your party. This will reserve your space for the 25 attendees limit. Thank you! FUNdraiser_541@proton.me



NeST: Neighbors Stand Together is comprised of members of Indivisible Benton County and other local community organizations. Our mission is to raise emergency funds for our most vulnerable immigrant neighbors in Linn and Benton counties. The NeST fund focuses on creating joyful community events and celebrations while raising much-needed funds to help our neighbors survive.

On **Sunday May 3**, from **11 am to 1:30 pm**, join us at **The Plaza, 425 SW Madison**, to learn the craft of Mexican embossed metal art! All materials will be provided. All ages are welcome, kids under 8 years old with adult supervision. Suggestion donation of \$40 for adults, \$20-\$30 kids under 14.

Email FUNdraiser_541@proton.me to register.

To learn more about NeST, or to donate, visit [this website](#).

CULTURAS UNIDAS

Authentic Cultural Food




Meals from many traditions,
home-made by international families
in our community
Every order supports food justice
Delivery available



 culturasunidasoregon@gmail.com

 culturasunidasoregon.com

 Pickup or Delivery:
Mon May, 4th at 5:00pm

 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr,
Corvallis, OR 97333



Culturas Unidas Online Market: Authentic Cultural Food

This May 4th, we warmly invite you to be part of something meaningful. Every dish is made with love by our participating families, sharing the best of their cultures: authentic Mexican and Indian food, along with delicious Latin desserts from Mexico and Argentina. When you place an order, you're not just enjoying amazing flavors—you're directly supporting these families

Pre-Order by **Saturday, May 2nd (end of day)**! Click [this link](#) to complete the form.

Pickup Location: Coho Common House, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, Corvallis, OR 97333. Delivery available.

Pickup Time: Monday, May 4th, at 5:00 PM

Update Your Email Contacts for Indivisible Benton County

Indivisible Benton County is in the process of migrating to Proton, a more secure email system. New emails will use our indivisiblebc.org domain (note that there is no period between "indivisible" and "bc").

Please email info@indivisiblebc.org, rather than indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com, with general questions, comments, and suggestions. The old email address will continue to work during this transition period, in case you forget.

Additionally, we have a new email address, newsletter@indivisiblebc.org, to send items for the newsletter (space permitting, and subject to editorial review).

Key Actions for You To Take: Contact Congress

1. After keeping the DHS shut down for months because they refuse to enact reforms that Americans overwhelmingly want for ICE and Border Patrol, **the GOP is trying to use a legislative process known as budget reconciliation to shovel as much as \$140 billion more into the coffers of those agencies** -- on top of the *\$170 billion* they got in last year's Big Ugly Bill. Use [this form to contact your Representative](#) and tell them you don't want another penny of your taxpayer dollars funding these violent agencies.

2. Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) was passed in 2008 as a counterterrorism measure, but has a long history of abuse from the federal government, especially when it comes to surveillance. The legislation is set to expire. Congress needs to overhaul the bill to protect our privacy, or allow it to die. Use [this form](#) to **urge your Members of Congress to reject reauthorization unless it includes significant reforms to protect our civil liberties**. And then [please follow up with a call](#).

Upcoming Community Events

★★ YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. ★★

Corvallis Town Hall



Secretary of State
**Tobias
Read**



Senator
**Sara
Gelsner Blouin**



Representative
**Sarah
Finger McDonald**

★★★★★

Questions about this year's elections? Join us on:

Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm

Benton Center, Linn-Benton Community College
757 NW Polk Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330

★★★★★

ASL and Spanish interpretation provided.

RSVP using the QR code or the web address:
sos.oregon.gov/elections/pages/town-hall-rsvp.aspx



TOWN HALL

Join **Representative David Gomberg**
and **Secretary of State Tobias Read**
for updates and Q&A



TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT 10

📅 Saturday, April 25, 2026

🕒 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

📍 Philomath High School
Auditorium

📅 Saturday, May 9, 2026

🕒 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

📍 Lincoln City Community
Center



David Gomberg



Tobias Read



Scan to RSVP
and pre-submit
questions




Repair Fair

SAT APRIL 18
PLANET PALOOZA
1-4:30PM

WED MAY 13

6-8 PM
OSUSED STORE

644 SW 13TH ST. CORVALLIS



**BRING YOUR BROKEN ITEM
LEARN TO FIX IT FOR FREE!**

TO FIND OUT MORE INFO OR SIGN UP
TO VOLUNTEER,
VISIT: [HTTP://BEAV.ES/REPAIR](http://BEAV.ES/REPAIR)

HOSTED BY WASTE SUSTAINABILITY CLUB IN COLLABORATION WITH CAMPUS PARTNERS
For questions or accommodations, contact Kasey Gratz at gratzka@oregonstate.edu

47TH ANNUAL LATWA INA POW WOW



**SATURDAY,
MAY 16, 2026**

GILL COLISEUM
Doors open at noon

GRAND ENTRY
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

HEAD STAFF
MC: Carlos Calica
Arena Director: Anthony Bluehorse
Head Woman Dancer: Ramona Quenelle
Head Man Dancer: Chad Leno
Host Drum: Star Horse
Honor Drum: Four Directions
First 10 walk on drum pay
(minimum of five drummers): \$375 per session

CONTEST CATEGORIES
All ages: Jingle, Grassdance, Women's Fancy, Men's Fancy, Women's Traditional, Men's Traditional
First place: \$1,000
Second place: \$750
Third place: \$500
Specials: Golden Age, Juniors, Tiny Tot, Hand Drum

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Sponsored in part by Pepsi
indigenous.oregonstate.edu/pow-wow




**STUDENT
ARTWORK BY
JAYMIE SPANO**

All are welcome! Alcohol and substance free event.
Accommodations related to disabilities,
contact christy.jones@oregonstate.edu

RURAL RAINBOW COALITION + CORVALLIS PRIDE PRESENT:

ALT PROM: } FRIDAY GOTHIC GLAM } 05/22

A SAFE AND AFFIRMING PROM EVENT
FOR LGBTQIA+ TEENS AND ALLIES

FREE!

*MUSIC • FOOD • PHOTO BOOTH
MINI DRAG SHOW*



AGES: 14-18
SCHOOL ID REQUIRED

6:30PM-9PM

CORVALLIS COMMUNITY CENTER

2601 NW TYLER AVE, CORVALLIS, OR 97330

Alt Prom is back! If you would like to volunteer at the event or would like more information please contact us at admin@corvallispride.com!

Looking forward to serving the community at this event!



TRAININGS FOR 2026

MIGRA WATCH

Skill up and learn how to show up for your neighbors. Join us for our next ICE Watch trainings! **No prior experience is required.**

UPCOMING TRAININGS: (ALL VIRTUAL)

- Tuesday, April 21st
- Saturday, April 25th
- Wednesday, May 13th
- Saturday, May 16th
- Tuesday, June 9th
- Saturday, June 20th



Links to RSVP will be available 1 week before each training in our linktree.

SONGS AND SOLIDARITY

WEDNESDAYS
AT 6PM

CORVALLIS
COURTHOUSE

APRIL 15TH 22ND 29TH
MAY 6TH 13TH 20TH

LED BY
KJERSTEN
HALLIN

ALL VOICES
WELCOME

SINGING
CORVALLIS
RESISTANCE

LEAD WITH
LOVE

LEAD WITH
LOVE

GATHER. LEARN. SING!

@singingresistance.corvallis



CHANCE Summer Essentials:



Water bottles!!!

Electrolyte packets / drinks

Sunscreen / Aloe

Weather-Appropriate Clothing

(Tank Tops, Shorts, Sandals, Flip Flops)

Deodorant / Hygiene Items

First Aid Supplies, Chapstick

Protein bars / Drinks

Individually Wrapped Snacks / Foods

Hats / Sunglasses / Umbrellas

Backpacks / Bags

Bugspray

Help CHANCE make a difference in our community for those who need it most this summer. Drop-off donations can be delivered at any of our locations!

www.chancerecovery.org

P: (541) 791-3411



WE'RE LOW ON CANNED VEGETABLES!



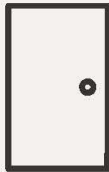
**DONATE DURING OUR OPEN HOURS:
CORN, GREEN BEANS, PEAS,
CARROTS, HOMINY, SPINACH,
SWEET POTATO, AND MORE**

South Corvallis Food Bank; 1800 SW 3rd St #110
Call **541-753-4263** for drop-off times

Keep Our Community Safe

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

DON'T OPEN THE DOOR



Communicate through the window or closed door. Immigration can only enter your home with an arrest warrant signed by a judge

REMAIN SILENT AND DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING

You have the right not to speak. Say out loud that you will not answer questions or sign any documents without a lawyer present.



DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR SEARCH



You have the right to refuse permission for immigration authorities or police to enter or search your car or person unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.

TAKE PHOTOS, VIDEO AND/OR NOTES

Inform the officer that you will be using your right to record. Take photos, record the interaction, and write down the details.



REPORT ICE ACTIVITY TO THE COMMUNITY HOTLINE



PIRC will contact rapid response teams that will verify and document immigration activity and offer support to affected people.

CONFIRM NEWS AND RUMORS



Do not share unverified information, as this only creates fear. Ask people sharing news about ICE to share their sources and have witnesses call PIRC to verify.



**PIRC HOTLINE:
1-888-622-1510**

COMMUNITY ALERT

The PIRC hotline has seen an exponential increase in the number of calls we are receiving during this current assault on our communities. The hotline is staffed almost entirely by volunteers who are working around the clock to respond to this crisis. In order to help us meet the challenges of this moment and to center those most impacted, we have an ask of the community.



Please continue to **CALL** the hotline with any urgent concerns:

- You are witnessing ICE presence (suspected or confirmed)
- You have witnessed or have information about an ICE detention
- You're looking for a missing loved one

Please **TEXT** the hotline with nonurgent issues:

- Questions about accessing non urgent resources (as long as it isn't needed within the next 24 hours).
- Photos of possible ICE sightings, license plates, etc. If urgent, please call first before sending text messages



Please **EMAIL**:

- press@pircoregon.org for any media inquiries.
- volunteers@pircoregon.org for questions about volunteering, donating to the PIRC Resource Center, and Migra Watch.
- pircpdx@gmail.com with any VIDEO footage of ICE activity (please be sure to include information about date, time, location, any other relevant info) OR any other general inquiries



HOTLINE: 1-888-622-1510



Indivisible Benton County's Action Committees

Most of Indivisible BC's work is done by our four loosely organized action committees. To read about the general organization of our committees, visit our website [HERE](#).

To join or learn more about any committee, please email info@indivisiblebc.org with the name of the committee(s), or attend the committee meeting at the next general meeting.

Our Mission

Indivisible Benton County is a grassroots organization of volunteers committed to advance bold and progressive actions and policies. We are determined to resist corruption, authoritarianism, and inequality. We educate, engage, and mobilize to promote values of inclusion, tolerance and fairness with the goal of helping build a more perfect and representative government that is For The People and By The People.

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