



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

May 5, 2026

All Ages Turn Out for May Day Rally



Thanks to everyone who cared enough about the future of our country to attend the May Day Rally in Corvallis this weekend. It was a peaceful, high-energy event. And thanks to the many volunteers who organized speakers, a poster-making booth, music with the Corvallis Singing Resistance, and community information tables. This is what democracy looks like!

Thousands [took to the streets across the US](#) and [around the world](#) on Friday to protest growing economic inequality and the Trump administration's actions. Organizers said activists in the US alone planned 3,500 events under the banner "May Day Strong." Participants [shut down intersections](#) in Washington DC, [blocked a bridge](#) in Minneapolis, and [occupied the lobby](#) of a Portland Hilton allegedly housing DHS officials. In Havana, [thousands marched past the US embassy](#) — as Trump [signed an executive order expanding sanctions](#) against Cuba's government. May Day, or International Workers' Day, is an [official holiday in 66 countries](#). Its roots lie partially in the [fight for an eight-hour workday](#) in the US — yet it is not officially recognized here.

--Jessica Yellin, [News Not Noise](#)



CALENDAR

May

- **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!](#)

June

- **6/3** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **6/10** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **6/10** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** [Corvallis Library](#). Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **6/17** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **6/24** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **6/24** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** Corvallis Community Center. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

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.

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



Help Spread the Word!

The Corvallis Farmers' Market is open for the season, and Indivisible Benton County will have an info booth there all summer long. This is a high-visibility, high-impact activity that helps community members who want to take action plug in to local organizing efforts. Can you help? Stop by the booth this weekend anytime between 8 am - 1 pm so we can plan for the season. See you there!

Remember to VOTE before May 19!

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

JOIN US FOR

COMMUNITY DINNERS

We're bringing our community together through warm, nourishing meals served twice a month.

Join us for community dinners that celebrate culture through food, where dishes reflect the traditions and flavors of those who prepare them.

DATES	TIME	LOCATION
April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18	Dinner served at 6:00 PM	1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, Corvallis OR

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR COOKS TO HELP PREPARE MEALS
INTERESTED IN COOKING?
CONTACT: ARACELY AT 512-709-8003

RESERVE YOUR SPOT: SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL ARACELY AT 512-709-8003

BRINGING CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND FOOD TOGETHER!

ACOMPAAÑANOS PARA

CENAS COMUNITARIAS

Estamos uniendo a nuestra comunidad a través de comidas calientes y nutritivas que servimos dos veces al mes.

Acompáñanos en nuestras cenas comunitarias, en las que celebramos la cultura a través de la comida y donde los platos reflejan las tradiciones y los sabores de quienes los preparan.

FECHAS	HORA	UBICACIÓN
23 de abril, 7 de mayo, 21 de mayo, 4 de junio, 18 de junio	La cena se sirve a las 18:00	1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, Corvallis OR

TAMBIÉN BUSCAMOS COCINEROS QUE NOS AYUDEN A PREPARAR LAS COMIDAS.
¿TE GUSTA COCINAR?
CONTACTO: ARACELY, EN EL 512-709-8003



**GROWING
ANCESTRAL ROOTS**



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**RESERVE SU LUGAR:
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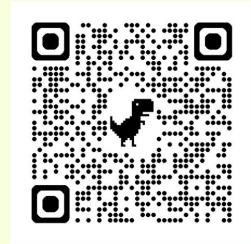
[Growing Ancestral Roots](#) has started offering Hot Community Meals, featuring Guatemalan, Mexican, and Indian dinners FREE to the community every other Thursday of each month, ensuring people have a warm meal. The meals are prepared by the community members.

They are also looking for volunteers to assist with planting their garden:

"We will need 3 to 5 days to prepare the soil and get the tomatoes, tomatillos and chiles into the ground for the season. Lunch will be provided, please schedule for May 17, 23, and 24. We need help recruiting volunteers to ensure we complete the work on time, preventing the plants from becoming root-bound and giving them a good start."



GROWING ANCESTRAL ROOTS



GARDEN PLANTING PARTY



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
MAY 17 AND
MAY 23-24**

1468 SE Alexander Ave,
Corvallis, OR 97333

Starts at 10am

LUNCH PROVIDED!

Join us as we come
together for a community
planting day!

We're looking for
volunteers to help get
plants in the ground and
bring this garden to life.

★★ YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. ★★
Corvallis Town Hall



Secretary of State
**Tobias
Read**



Senator
**Sara
Gelser 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.



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!

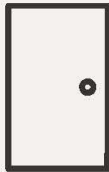
www.chancerecovery.org

P: (541) 791-3411

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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