



# INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

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**June 30, 2026**

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## **Indivisible Benton County Shows Up!**

June has been a busy month for Indivisible Benton County. Once the Oregon primaries concluded in May, we jumped into high gear for the summer season. Just as the seasons change, our tactics and strategies have been shifting and adjusting to the political climate. We continue to support our immigrant neighbors and marginalized friends by uplifting opportunities and events of solidarity.

We had an amazing event with "Rise Up and Sing Out" on June 14th. Our amazing volunteers showed solidarity at both Philomath Pride and Albany Pride on June 20th and 28th respectively. We had a great crew at Open Streets Corvallis on June 28th with an interactive "Save Our Democracy" chalk mural. Visibility Brigade was busy this month with multiple banner making sessions and banner events! They've put together some amazing signs for July 4th! See below for more info!

Some of our amazing members attended the Resistance Boot Camp, a two-day intensive training in non-violent resistance for organizers and activists, in Portland on June 27th and 28th. They covered strategies for building movement resilience and sustainability through the development of leadership pipelines, creation of affinity groups, and coalition building. Other sessions covered digital security, strategic planning, conflict resolution, and election protection. Over the coming months, they will be

sharing what they learned at general meetings and in newsletters. They left the training invigorated and ready to take Indivisible Benton County to the next level!

This is only the beginning as we have 126 days to defeat this regime with the biggest midterms blowout that this country has ever seen.

This years primaries have seen huge voter turnout. Oregon voter turnout for the May primary was the highest the state has recorded in a midterm since it first transitioned to vote by mail in 1998. Benton County's turnout was higher than its neighbors, with nearly 48% of voters participating. Read more [HERE](#). One of the most important ways to keep our elected officials accountable is by using our vote.

We are planning a series of events for GOTV this summer. Email [voter@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:voter@indivisiblebc.org) to get involved!



## July

- **7/01** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/03** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/04** | Signs of Fascism Patriotic Procession. See below.
- **7/08** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/08** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library**. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/11** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/14** | Third Act Mtg w/ **Director of Benton County Records and Elections!** See below!
- **7/15** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/17** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/18** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/18** | I-5 overpass bannering. Noon - 2pm. Email [visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org).
- **7/22** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/22** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/25** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/31** | Corvallis Rush Hour Bannering. Email [visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org).

## August

- **8/1** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/5** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/8** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/15** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/19** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/22** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/29** | Indivisible BC at the Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)

*Scroll down for flyers about other community events.*

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## Indivisible Benton County Activities

### Join us for our 4th of July “Signs of Fascism” Patriotic Procession!

On the **4th of July from 11:30 am -12:30 pm**, the **Visibility Brigade** is planning an action in downtown Corvallis during the **Red, White and Blues Festival**. We will march single file, dressed in red, white and blue, each carrying one of the Signs of Fascism ("Voter Suppression," "Constant Lying," "Normalizing Corruption," etc.) The last six signs will suggest what people can do ("Vote and Get Others to Vote," "Pressure Elected Officials," etc.) To tie in the 4th of July theme, the last sign will read: "Dissent is Patriotic!"

We need a few more people to carry signs, plus a photographer. [Sign up here](#) or email [VisibilityBrigade@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:VisibilityBrigade@indivisiblebc.org).

**Celebrate our country's 250th birthday by taking action to save our democracy!**



## URGENT ACTIONS

### Take action on USPS Proposed Mail Ballot Rule



- **Submit a public comment before July 2, 5:00pm EST.**
- Read the full proposed rule in the Federal Register [Here](#)
- Read the article linked [HERE](#) to learn more.
- [General guidelines for submitting an effective comment](#)

While the most recent U.S. Supreme Court decision was successful in preserving mail-in ballots that are postmarked by Election Day, our mail-in ballots are still at risk.

The U.S. Postal Service is considering a proposed rule that could dramatically change how mail ballots are handled for federal elections. Learn what's at stake and submit a public comment **before July 2, 5:00pm EST.**

On March 31, 2026, President Trump signed [Executive Order 14399](#) directing federal agencies, including USPS, to take new actions affecting vote-by-mail systems.

In response, the USPS issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) on June 2 that would amend the *Domestic Mail Manual* and establish new federal requirements for handling absentee and mail ballots.

Among other things, the proposal would:

- Create a new **Federal Ballot Mail Portal** managed by USPS;
- Require states to submit lists of registered voters receiving mail ballots;
- Require USPS to compare ballots against those lists;
- Allow USPS to refuse acceptance or delivery of ballots it determines do not comply with the new requirements.
- Ultimately, the proposal would significantly expand USPS's role in election administration.

## Support Venezuela

# HUMANITARIAN AID FOR Venezuela

Let's come together to support families affected by the earthquake.  
Your donation can bring hope, relief, and help to those who need it most.



*Together we can make a difference!*

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**PRIORITY ITEMS** to support families affected by the earthquake.

 <b>FIRST AID SUPPLIES</b>	 <b>SHELTER &amp; PROTECTION</b>	 <b>OTHER ITEMS NEEDED</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sterile gauze pads</li> <li>• Sterile dressings</li> <li>• Elastic bandages</li> <li>• Rolled gauze bandages</li> <li>• Triangular bandages (slings)</li> <li>• Wound closure strips (Steri-Strips)</li> <li>• Medical tape (Micropore or similar)</li> <li>• Bandages (band-aids)</li> <li>• Disposable gloves</li> <li>• Disposable masks</li> <li>• Antiseptic</li> <li>• Alcohol</li> <li>• Hydrogen peroxide</li> <li>• Saline solution for wound cleaning</li> <li>• Antibiotic ointment</li> <li>• Pain relief cream</li> <li>• Over-the-counter pain relievers</li> <li>• Thermometer</li> <li>• First aid scissors</li> <li>• Splints</li> <li>• Wrist support braces</li> <li>• Ankle support braces</li> <li>• Instant cold packs</li> <li>• Emergency thermal blankets</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tents</li> <li>• Blankets</li> <li>• Sleeping pads</li> <li>• Sleeping bags</li> <li>• Tarps</li> <li>• Flashlights</li> <li>• Batteries</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing in good condition</li> <li>• Shoes</li> <li>• Pet food</li> <li>• Portable chargers (power banks)</li> </ul> 

### Growing Ancestral Roots and Venezuela needs our help!

They have a large shipping container going to Venezuela on Friday. They want to use this opportunity to gather as much supplies and aid as possible to send back to the people after two severe earthquake has killed 1,719, with 5,034 injured and 15,866 displaced, with these figures expected to keep rising.

Please share with your connections! Supplies (for adults and children) are to be dropped off at CoHo Eco Village Common House by Wednesday, July 1. This will ensure these donations make it to Portland by Friday.



After the collection ends, all donated items will be transported to **PORTLAND, OREGON**, where the Venezuelan community is organizing and preparing the humanitarian supplies for shipment to the affected areas.



**VENEZUELA IS WITH YOU** 

 <p><b>DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATION</b> CoHo Ecovillage 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, Corvallis, OR 97333</p> 	 <p><b>LAST DAY TO DROP OFF DONATIONS:</b> <b>WEDNESDAY JULY 1</b></p> 	 <p><b>CONTACT</b> Danny <b>541-220-5451</b></p> <p>Please send a text message to coordinate your donation drop-off. We are flexible and happy to work with the time that is most convenient for you.</p>	 <p><b>COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DRIVE</b></p>  <p>Thank you for your generosity and support. Every donation brings hope and relief to families in need.</p> 
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Your help changes lives! 

## Voter Outreach and Legislative Actions

Reminders from previous newsletters:

- Albany's analysis of the feasibility of banning all (public **and private**) automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems will be concluded by the **July 8** City Council meeting (**Albany City Hall/virtual**). Continue to [contact your Albany councilors](#) to demand an end to ALPRs in Albany everywhere!

### Postcarding - Get out the Vote

Send postcards to voters for primary elections. Cards, addresses, and scripts will be provided. A \$10 donation for stamps is requested.

- **July 3 from 1 to 3 pm at The Plaza**, 425 SW Madison Ave. Meet in the Community Room, first floor behind Coffee Culture. [Sign up here.](#)
- **July 17 from 10am to 12pm at Natural Grocers (Community Room)**, 1235 NW 10th St, Corvallis, OR 97330. [Sign up here.](#)

### Third Act is hosting the Director of Benton County Records and Elections!

Mark your calendars and join us at our **July 14th, 4:30pm at the Willow Room at the Corvallis Community Center**, when Darla Rush, Director of Benton County Records and Elections, and her Deputy Director Jo Missler will give a presentation on how elections are administered in Benton County. This will include a discussion about the integrity of the process. There will be time for Q & A.

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## Support Local Community Events

**CORVALLIS TOWN HALL!**

with  
**Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepherd**

Joined by  
Mayor  
Maughan

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Corvallis Community Center**  
2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis

Commissioner Shepherd will be speaking as an individual commissioner and does not necessarily speak for the whole Board of Commissioners. He can also not share opinions on or take testimony on open land use matters.

Contact Commissioner Shepherd at [gabe.shepherd@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:gabe.shepherd@bentoncountyor.gov)

**Benton County**  
OREGON

**GROWING ANCESTRAL ROOTS**

**LUNCH COMMUNITY MEALS**

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH FEATURING HEALTHY, KID-FRIENDLY FOODS AND MADE FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE.

- STARTING JULY EVERY THURSDAY AT 12PM

**LOCATION: LILY PARK**  
**865 SE LILLY AVE, CORVALLIS, OR 97333**

Kroger FOUNDATION      SPIRIT MOUNTAIN Community Fund

**CORVALLIS CELTIC FESTIVAL**

**JULY 16-19**

- 18 Bands
- 14 Workshops
- 9 Sessions
- 2 Ceili Dances
- Children's Activities
- 14 Downtown Corvallis Venues

\$5-\$30 suggested donation

corvalliscelticfestival.org

*We want to uplift the community and our coalition partners. If you have a community event that you would like us to consider including in our weekly newsletter or website, please email [newsletter@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:newsletter@indivisiblebc.org).*

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## Ongoing Community Events and Actions



## CASA LATINOS UNIDOS FUNDRAISER



Help our most vulnerable Latino/a communities in Linn and Benton Counties. 100% of your donations will help supply local families with food, household supplies, toiletries, and other necessities.

### Matching Funds Available!

Sign up for regular monthly donations and your initial contribution will be **DOUBLED!**



\*While funds last. Donations to Casa Latinos Unidos are tax-deductible. <https://casalatinosunidos.org>  
Mail check donations to PO Box 716, Corvallis, OR, 97339. Made possible with support from Indivisible Benton County and East Linn Indivisible.



**QUEER PEERS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Every Monday, 4-5:15pm**

**Jackson Street Mission Central**  
225 SW 4th St, Corvallis

*Join our Queer space for middle schoolers.  
A welcoming and safe place to learn and  
build community. Snacks provided!*



### CURIOUS? GET IN TOUCH!

Text, Call or Email Cortney Wetherell  
541-745-4590 [queer.peers@jacksonstreet.org](mailto:queer.peers@jacksonstreet.org)  
[www.jacksonstreet.org](http://www.jacksonstreet.org)

**OPEN HOURS**  
FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 12-24

1025 PACIFIC  
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ALBANY

Mondays 1-6PM  
Tuesdays 1-7PM  
Wednesdays 1-7PM  
Thursdays 1-5PM  
Fridays 7AM-4PM  
Saturdays 1-7PM

**SERVICES**

- SHOWER
- LAUNDRY
- TEACHING KITCHEN
- FOOD PANTRY
- CLOTHING CLOSET
- RESOURCE CLOSET (BASIC NEEDS SUPPLIES)
- YOUTH SPACE

**Jackson Street**  
YOUTH SERVICES

Questions?  
Call 541-220-2955 or email [ysc@jacksonstreet.org](mailto:ysc@jacksonstreet.org)

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## We have New Email Addresses!

Email [info@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:info@indivisiblebc.org), with general questions, comments, and suggestions.

Email [newsletter@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:newsletter@indivisiblebc.org), to send items for the newsletter (space permitting, and subject to editorial review).

Email [voter@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:voter@indivisiblebc.org) with questions or comments about voter outreach.

Email [legislative@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:legislative@indivisiblebc.org) for legislative-related issues.

Email [events@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:events@indivisiblebc.org) for questions about specific events.

Email [community@indivisiblebc.org](mailto:community@indivisiblebc.org) for questions about community outreach activities.

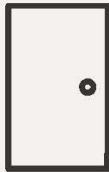
To read about the general organization of our committees, visit our website [HERE](#).

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## Keep Our Community Safe

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

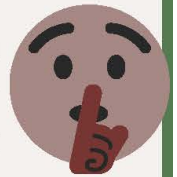
## DON'T OPEN THE DOOR



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](mailto:press@pircoregon.org) for any media inquiries.
- [volunteers@pircoregon.org](mailto:volunteers@pircoregon.org) for questions about volunteering, donating to the PIRC Resource Center, and Migra Watch.
- [pircpdx@gmail.com](mailto: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**



## 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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