



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

July 7, 2026



250 years ago, a revolutionary idea was born. Not that freedom was guaranteed. Not that democracy would take care of itself but that ordinary people could govern themselves. Every generation since has faced the same question, what will you do when our country asks and needs something of you?

The lesson of America is not that our republic is given. It is that it must be defended again and again. By people who refuse to give up to give up on one another and on the highest promise of the nation, for future generations. What happens next is not inevitable. It depends as it always has, on us. -

[Timothy Snyder](#)

As we celebrated our nation this past July 4th, members of multiple local Indivisible Groups marched and sang through Downtown Corvallis. We marched through the streets with protest signs, signs of fascism, and signs of what actions people can take to combat it.

We sang "[Gather your Courage](#)" by Coco Love Alcorn along with performing a reading of the Declaration of Independence, which was signed by our forefathers on July 4th 1776. It was a joyous and rousing good time, reconfirming our commitment to our country and to our community.



July

- **7/08** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)

- **7/08** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library.** [Sign up!](#)
- **7/09** | Immigrant Justice Call! Your 3 steps to organizing. [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.
- **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 Bannerling. Email 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.

Upcoming Events



Our next general meeting will be this **Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30 pm at the Corvallis Public Library.** The meeting agenda will be:

- Take home lessons from the Resistance Boop Camp
- Conversation with a PIRC volunteer, led by Jeanne

There will be some really great information being presented that is applicable to what we need to know right now and what we can do at this moment to protect our democracy and our community. We will start gathering and socializing at 6:00 pm. *Please remember NOT to park in the underground garage.*



ICE is surging in our community. Do you know what to do? Join Indivisible for the first call in our Immigrant Justice Summer training series, where we'll give you a concrete three-step blueprint for mounting a safe, hyper-local, immigrant-aligned response.

Get an overview of the three key steps: getting aligned with immigrant-led organizations in your community, making a plan for your role in the response, and tools for growing your circle of neighbors ready to act.

Leave with a clear first action and a path into the rest of the series.



[COIN](#) (Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network) will be resuming their meeting schedule on August 18th. Gov. Tina Kotek will be joining them. Register for the call [HERE](#).



The Power of 100 people+

The Power of 100 is a giving circle - a group of people who want to pool their charity dollars and make a difference in our community. The group exists to give local non-profit organizations greater visibility and to create a fund capable of distributing \$10,000 every quarter to non-profit organizations. If 100 people each commit to give \$100, they can make a BIG impact four times per year without a huge time commitment. The group meets in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. There is **no fee** to join and no cap on number of members.

The group's most recent recipient was [VIC-Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers of Corvallis](#), which brings safer home access, free transportation, and essential services to older adults and people living with disabilities who are unable to drive and often live alone.

The Power of 100 next meeting is July 15th. Guests are always welcome. For more information, email powerof100pwc@gmail.com for more info or go [HERE](#).

Lecture: Monuments and Memorials

A community event about who should be honored with public monuments and memorials at the [Benton County Museums](#) - Corvallis, **Friday, July 10, 10:30 am**, led by artist Michael Bernard Stevenson Jr. Stevenson is working in Portland's Albina Community to develop a living archive of Jefferson High School. Register [HERE](#).



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 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.

We know that Trump and his Big Lie cronies are plotting to do everything they can to undermine our elections in 2026. Whether it's trying to end mail-in voting, targeting registration programs, blocking vote-counting, even trying to ban states from encouraging people to vote – it's going to be no-holds-barred from them this year as they try desperately to block the free and fair elections.

But we're going to cut through the noise, and we're going to be ready for whatever dirty tricks they try. And we're going to do it with community power and preparation, not panic.



Hands Off Our Vote is Indivisible's national program to ensure all eligible voters get to cast their ballot, and that those ballots get counted. We'll help you be ready to respond to any attacks, and we'll shine a light on the bad actors threatening our basic constitutional rights.

By signing up you'll get notified of key voting deadlines in your state, get updates on any threats to your voting rights and learn how to counter them, and be ready to mobilize in defense of your vote. You'll also play an important role in rapid response moments whenever and wherever they try to pull those dirty tricks. We have tremendous power to protect our elections in 2026.

[Sign up here to get started and join the Hands Off Our Vote movement.](#)

Support Local Community Events

What is happening this year?

August- Tentative RITC Return

September: 2026 Queervallis Pride Pageant

September: Queer Prom (18+)

October- 2026 Corvallis Pride Festival + PRdie Afterdark





**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**

  **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN
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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 

Summer Snack + Water Drive

Bottled water
Granola/protein bars
Peanut butter packs
Applesauce pouches
Trail mix/ nuts
Fruit snacks
Fruit leather
Beef jerky
Freeze-dried meals
Chips



Drop off Hours:

10am-1pm

Tuesday + Wednesday
225 SW 4th St, Corvallis

10am-1pm

Thursday

Albany Public Library

Help our Outreach team provide nonperishable snacks and bottled water to youth across Linn and Benton County this summer !

Contact Ben at 541-760-5825 or
ben.martens@jacksonstreet.org



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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.

We have New Email Addresses!

Email info@indivisiblebc.org, with general questions, comments, and suggestions.

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

Email voter@indivisiblebc.org with questions or comments about voter outreach.

Email legislative@indivisiblebc.org for legislative-related issues.

Email events@indivisiblebc.org for questions about specific events.

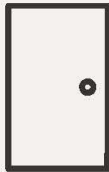
Email community@indivisiblebc.org for questions about community outreach activities.

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

Keep Our Community Safe

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

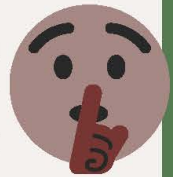
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR



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



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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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