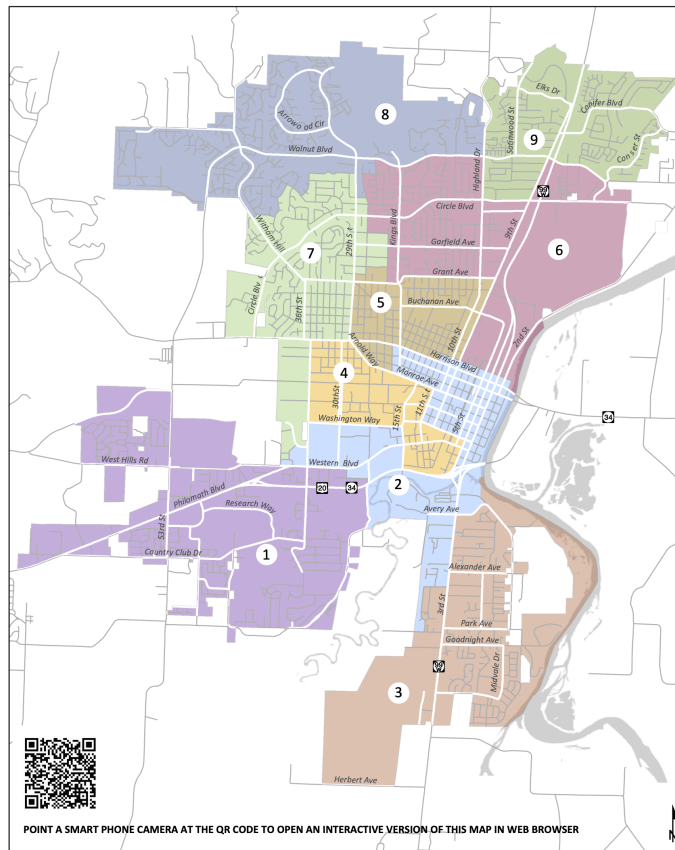




INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

August 11, 2026



Corvallis Ward Boundaries



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2026 Corvallis **CANDIDATE FORUM**

Mayor	Kasey Haxton Charles Maughan Andrew Struthers
Ward 1	Steve Clark Bre Irish
Ward 2	Briae Lewis Tarsa Weikert
Ward 3	Jim Moorefield
Ward 5	Christine Dashiell
Ward 6	Brennan Colberg Greg Shiffer
Ward 7	Danielle Chambers Jerry Ingersoll Asa Jorg
Ward 9	Alexis Hammer

Wed, August 12th
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Corvallis Public Library
Main Meeting Room

Submit your questions for candidates to: voter@indivisiblebc.org

Corvallis Candidate Forum

Join us at our **Candidate Forum** from **6 - 8:30 pm on Wed., Aug. 12** in the **Main Meeting Room of the Corvallis Library**. Hosted by Indivisible BC and [Our Revolution - Corvallis Allies](#) (ORCA), this forum will be a great way to get to know many of the candidates for Corvallis Mayor and City Council.

With 15 candidates, there will not be much time for questions. Please **email your questions ahead of time to voter@indivisiblebc.org**. Include your ward, so we can direct your question to the appropriate candidates. Check out the map to find your ward.

This event is open to the public. Bring your friends! (Hint: download a flyer from [our website](#) to print or share.)

While this forum occurs on our regular general meeting date and location, **note that the forum starts at 6 pm, not 6:30 pm!** And remember not to park underground, as you will be locked in.

Volunteers needed

We need volunteers to **set up chairs starting at 5:30 pm**. You can email voter@indivisiblebc.org, or just show up early.

Endorsement Meeting

Plan to attend our **Endorsement Meeting on Monday, Aug. 17 at 6 pm** at the **Corvallis Library**.

The Candidate Research Committee will summarize each candidate and answer questions. This will be followed by an open discussion of the candidates. If there is a large group, breakout groups will be formed. Moderators will help diffuse small arguments between proponents of different candidates. Note that candidates are not invited to the Endorsement Meeting.

The Candidate Research Committee will provide **written summaries of candidates** in these races, which will be available on the Indivisible BC website by the 17th, as well as **responses to our candidate questionnaire**.

Voting Opens after the Endorsement Meeting

- Voting will be open from **9 pm Aug. 17 through 5 pm Aug. 24**.
- Instructions will be sent to the email list after the meeting.
- **This email will come from "Helios Voting Bot"**, with an email address of "no-reply@mail.heliosvoting.org". If you do not see the email, please check your spam filter. Contact voter@indivisiblebc.org if you have not received this email by Aug. 18.
- Any group member who has attended an action or meeting or receives the newsletter is eligible to vote.
- Voting will be done **online anonymously**.
- Members can alternately vote using **paper ballots at the Endorsement Meeting**.
- Members will have the **option of voting not to endorse** any candidates.
- The group will only endorse a candidate that receives **two-thirds (66.7% or greater) majority of the votes cast for that race**.

See our website for a [full description of the process](#). Note that these efforts are separate from our voter registration and GOTV efforts.

CALENDAR

August

- **8/12 | Indivisible BC Candidate Forum. Corvallis Library. 6- 8:30pm.**
- **8/12 | Weekly Wednesday Protest.**
- **8/13 | Visibility Brigade Corvallis Rush Hour Bannering.**
- **8/15 | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.**
- **8/16 | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up](#).**
- **8/17 | Indivisible BC Endorsement meeting. 6-8:30 pm. Corvallis Library. [Sign up](#)!**
- **8/18 | COIN Interview with Gov. Tina Kotek. See below.**
- **8/18 | "What is Democracy?" documentary screening with pizza. Corvallis Community Center. 5:30-7:45pm. \$5.**
- **8/19 | Weekly Wednesday Protest.**

- **8/20** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #4. See below.
- **8/21** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/22** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **8/25** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/26** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center.**
- **8/26** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **8/27** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #5. See below.
- **8/29** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.

September

- **9/2** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/4** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **9/5** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **9/9** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/9** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library.**
- **9/12** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
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- **9/30** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.

Farmers Market [Sign up!](#)

Candidate Forum & General Meeting [Sign up!](#)

Visibility Brigade [Sign up!](#)

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.

Join Indivisible BC's Announcements Chat in Signal!

Indivisible BC has a Signal chat to streamline and speed up communications. This chat will allow us to mobilize quickly for special events and help broadcast key information more efficiently. The chat will be one-way; only essential information will be posted.

Signal is a free app that's easy to set up and works similarly to texting. At upcoming general meetings, we will have someone available to help if you have any problems setting up your account or joining the chat.

We have been hearing feedback that some members are not finding out about events or receiving important info in a timely manner. Email communications have been unreliable; many are going to junk mailboxes or not being delivered at all. We will continue to send info via other channels, including email, but this Signal chat will improve our ability to get info to members more efficiently and effectively. Especially now, with midterm elections looming, we need a strong communications system to mobilize members for get-out-the-vote and election protection events and actions.



If you do not have a Signal account, download the free Signal app from your device's App Store or from signal.org, and follow the simple prompts to set up your account.

Then, **once you have a Signal account**, click on [this link](#) or use this QR code to join the chat.

Getting Out the Vote (GOTV) Update

Taking advantage of free pizza and an enthusiastic crowd, Indivisible volunteers worked with [Joanna Robinson's campaign](#) for State House District 15 to knock on nearly 1,000 doors this past weekend.

This and welcoming new residents (making sure they are appropriately registered) are two tools we use to help us be successful in November. **To join our GOTV Team**, email voter@indivisiblebc.org, and we will suggest times, places, and actions that work for your schedule and interests. See our [Voter Registration and GOTV Plan](#) to learn more.



Matching Donations in August!

Indivisible National will match all donations we receive in August up to \$500.

Your support is especially important right now as we launch a huge GOTV campaign leading into the midterms. We also rely on donations to cover our ongoing expenses for meeting room reservations, printing, events fees, supplies, etc. Please help us reach this fundraising goal by [donating any amount](#) – even a little can go a long way!

Special General Meeting August 26

On Wed., Aug. 26, our special guests at the General Meeting will be OR State Senator Sara Gelser Blouin (SD- 8; [Corvallis, Albany, Millersburg, Tangent, Adair Village, South Salem, and unincorporated parts of Benton, Linn, and Marion Counties](#)) and OR State Representative candidate Joanna Robinson (HD-15; [Albany, Millersburg, Tangent, and unincorporated parts of Benton, Marion, and Linn counties](#)).

We will be meeting in the **Chandler Ballroom** at the **Corvallis Community Center**, from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**.

We'll also have updates on our voter registration and GOTV efforts.

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BENTON COUNTY

August 26th
6:30 - 8:30 pm

*Corvallis Community
Center
Chandler Ballroom*



Sara Gelser Blouin
Oregon State Senator
Senate District 8

Joanna Robinson
Oregon State
Representative
HD-15

Come join us!

Announcement from Previous Newsletters



Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) will interview Gov. Tina Kotek! [Register to join the Zoom call.](#)

[Submit your questions for Gov. Kotek on this form](#) by **Aug. 11.**



[Sign up for the remaining Immigrant Justice Summer calls:](#)

Thurs., Aug. 20: Funnel Support for Immigrant Justice

Thurs., Aug. 27: Use Signal for Organizing

[Watch recordings of the first three calls.](#)

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HANDS OFF OUR VOTE

Sign up for Indivisible's [Hands Off Our Vote](#), and watch the kick-off call [here](#).

Salem Region Indivisible's **Election Protection Training** with Common Cause is **Oct. 7 from 5:30-7 pm at the First Congregational UCC Church in Salem**. [Sign up for the training and get more information on Mobilize!](#)

Indivisible co-founders Leah Greenberg and Ezra Levin host **"What's the Plan"** every Thurs. at 12 pm. [Register](#) to watch live, and watch [recordings](#) or listen to [podcasts](#) of past calls.

Support Local Community Events

block 15
BREWING CO.

DINE OUT!

FOR THE SOUTH CORVALLIS
FOOD BANK

AUGUST 11TH ALL DAY

**WE'RE DONATING
A PORTION OF THE
DAY'S FOOD SALES**

ABOUT SCFB

The South Corvallis Food Bank is dedicated to ensuring that everyone in our community has access to nourishing food. Through food distribution, community partnerships, and advocacy, they work to address both immediate hunger and the underlying causes of food insecurity.

SCFB supplies a shopping style food pantry where individuals can shop every two weeks. In 2025, 5,600 adults and 2,900 children relied on support from SCFB. Your donation will help ensure no neighbor goes hungry!

What is it going towards?

Every meal shared at Block 15 will help the South Corvallis Food Bank continue serving neighbors in need. Together, we'll help provide nourishing food, strengthen local hunger relief efforts, and support a community where everyone has access to the food they need.

What is a Dine Out?

Block 15 hosts Dine Out events to benefit local, community-minded organizations as part of our ongoing charitable programs.

SOUTH CORVALLIS FOOD BANK



Join QT crafting time at manyworld.diy on Wed. Aug. 12, 12-2 pm! Join one of our crafts or bring your own project. Our first craft will be making prints using linocut stamps and various other stamps. Free, all ages, masks recommended and provided. QT Social Crafting will be every 2nd and 4th Wed. at alternating times.



"International Flavors"

Food Event by Corvallis' Refugees

The Unitarian Universalist Church and Corvallis For Refugees invite you to support our new neighbors at our "International Flavors".

Opening event will feature Salvadoran cuisine, which fuses Indigenous and Spanish traditions, and Afghan cuisine, famously known for its rich herbs and spices. Enjoy while supporting our community!



Cash or Venmo only

Date: August 21st, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis,
2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis.

For More Information:
info@corvallisforrefugees.org



Mingle BINGO

\$10 buys 3 BINGO cards

Fun For The Whole Family

Oscar's Taco and Cantina
2475 NW 9th St, Corvallis
August 23, 2026
3-6pm

Play Bingo, mingle, dine and wine, and win mystery cash prizes while supporting our immigrant neighbors!






18TH ANNUAL
BLACK FAMILY BBQ

RSVP HERE 

FOOD MUSIC GAMES PRIZES

Get ready for one of the biggest community events of the summer! Enjoy delicious food, music, games, prizes, and family fun. Learn about emergency preparedness, tobacco prevention, and our AAYLC High School Mentorship Program.

AUGUST 29, 2026

GRAND PRAIRIE PARK
2530 Grand Prairie Rd SE
Albany, OR 97322

1PM - 5PM

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway!
K - 12
(While supplies last)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS







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YOUTH SERVICES

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

For at-risk & homeless youth ages 10+ (mostly teens)

W I S H L I S T

- Sturdy+Large Backpacks
- Graphing Calculators
- Notebooks + sketchbooks
- Binders + folders
- Water bottles
- Planners
- Headphones
- Flash Drives

**DRIVE RUNS
AUGUST 3-
SEPTEMBER 10!**

DROP OFF HOURS/LOCATIONS

Albany - Staples during business hours or
the Albany Public Library
Thursdays 10am-1pm

Corvallis - 225 SW 4th St Tuesdays &
Wednesdays 10am-1pm.

Questions? Contact Ben at 541-760-5825



Jackson Street's Youth Ambassadors are whipping up a delicious and healthy menu for another wonderful Fall Craft Fair at First Christian Church on Sept. 27 and 28. This year we'll be serving Indian food with ingredients sourced from local farms. If you have a passion for cooking or serving Indian cuisine, or participating in fundraising events, please reach out to volunteer@jacksonstreet.org.



PS 541 August

PEER SUPPORT

BENTON COUNTY: Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm
225 SW 4th St in Corvallis

LINN COUNTY: Fridays 4:00-5:00pm
1025 Pacific Blvd SE in Albany

Hot food and snacks!

August Topics:

- Hands on Car Maintenance
- Bike Maintenance
- Foraging & Local Mushrooms w/ Patrick W
- School/Study Skills

Questions?
Please contact Life Skills Coach Denzel Barrie
denzel.barrie@jacksonstreet.org
www.jacksonstreet.org

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YOUTH SERVICES

PS 541 is designed to help youth and young adults ages 16-24 develop life skills, broaden their horizons, and have fun learning about the world we live in.



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.

A slide titled "PIRC WEEKLY UPDATE" with the date "AUG 7, 2026". The PIRC logo (Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition) is in the top left. The main content is titled "THE DATA:" and lists two bullet points: "19 detentions reported to the PIRC hotline 8/1-8/7" and "Counties in Oregon where detentions occurred: Marion, Clackamas, Linn, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, as well as Oregonians reported as detained in Whatcom County, Washington". A footer bar says "See next slide for a heat map of detentions in July". The bottom of the slide features the PIRC logo and the phone number "1-888-622-1510" flanked by small diamond symbols.

PIRC WEEKLY UPDATE
AUG 7, 2026

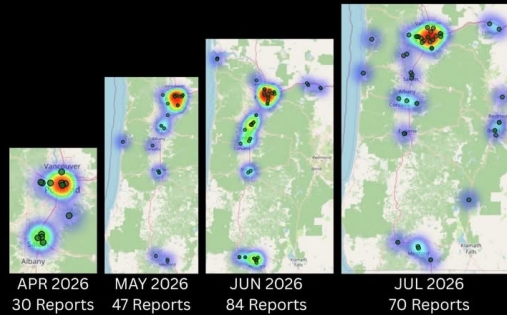
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See next slide for a heat map of detentions in July

♦ **PIRC** 1-888-622-1510 ♦

A visualization of how the map of detentions reported to PIRC has expanded and increased in Oregon from April to July.



PIRC 1-888-622-1510 + 08/07/26

The behavior of ICE in Oregon is changing, and our tactics must adapt too.

No matter where you are in the state, it is important to make sure you are aware that detentions are happening around the state:

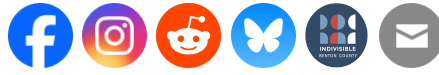
- Be vigilant
- Save the PIRC hotline in your phone
- Make sure your loved ones are following updates, including on this Spanish-language Whatsapp channel:
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb9hn2kHbFV0enQRVG1E>

PIRC 1-888-622-1510 + 08/07/26

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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