



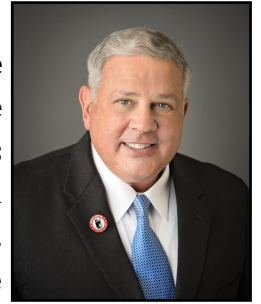
PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

AUGUST 2020

AN UPDATE ON HOUSING

Increasing Pendleton's available housing is one of the City Council's top four priorities. We especially lack affordable housing for lower-income families, and this need was made even worse by the flooding that hit the Riverside area hard in early February. A May 2019 Housing Needs Analysis shows that Pendleton needs to add 870 new dwelling units in the next 20 years, with many of these units being required for families who make less than the Median Family Income. With this goal in mind, the City seeks to gain at least 50 new housing units each year, a goal that we met in 2017 and 2018 but failed to meet in 2019. In 2020 we have already issued 43 new housing permits and appear to be on track to exceed our goal of 50 by a healthy margin.



Even before we encountered construction delays caused by COVID-19, Pendleton had some characteristics that make development and building cost more expensive than in some other cities. We drew a tight Urban Growth Boundary some 40 years ago and this limits the amount of available land to develop. Much of the remaining land is rocky with steep slopes, which increases construction costs. Without subsidies and tax breaks, these factors make the construction of affordable housing almost impossible.

The good news is that Pendleton is on track to gain 80 new affordable housing units. In March, the Emergency Board (E-Board) of the state legislature appropriated \$7.5 million in flood recovery money for Umatilla County. This was later trimmed to about \$6.8 million and some \$900,000 of that was earmarked for the CTUIR. The County gave Pendleton the lead on using the rest of the money to build affordable housing. In July, the City used \$500,000 to buy out Saj Javangi's interest in the Pendleton Heights housing project by Olney Cemetery. We are in the process of selling this property for \$533,000 to Chrisman Homes, a respected builder of affordable housing from Enterprise, Oregon. This will allow us to pay off all of our LID debt on the property. We worked with Oregon Housing and Community Services, the Legislative Fiscal Office, CAPECO, and Oregon Regional Solutions to get the authority to let Chrisman Homes use the remaining funds to build 80 units of affordable housing on the old Pendleton Heights property. Victims of the February flooding will be given priority for the occupation of these new housing units when they are completed. Given the slow nature of construction during the COVID-19 environment, we expect the construction to take about two years.

In addition to these affordable housing units, there are a lot of market-rate apartments being built. More than 30 apartments are under construction near the RAC and the Pratt company is still on track to turn the old Forest Service building into about 31 apartments. The 200 + apartment project between EOCI and BMCC is still on track, but moving more slowly than we initially planned. Construction designs for this project are being reviewed by the City Building Department. The City is also working with landowners inside the UGB to see how we might get some future housing developments going. A lack of infrastructure is the biggest obstacle to overcome.

Progress is always slower than we would like, but I confidently predict that Pendleton will gain more than 300 new housing units in the next three years.

Stay Well,

Mayor Turner

COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 18

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

September 1

City Council 7 pm

September 15

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

All meetings in the Council Chambers
**FOR A FULL LIST OF
MEETINGS VISIT**

<http://www.pendleton.or.us/>

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John Turner	Mayor	541-922-8605
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Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward I	541-310-1117
Carole Innes	Ward I	541-276-0644
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Chuck Wood	Ward 2	541-310-7306
Dale Primmer	Ward 3	541-240-1117
Linda Neuman	Ward 3	541-969-1188

CITY OF PENDLETON

Administration	541-966-0201
Airport	541-276-7754
Attorney	541-966-0206
Convention Center	541-276-6569
Community Dev.	541-966-0203
Facilities	541-966-0201
Finance	541-966-0207
Fire	541-276-1442
Library	541-966-0380
Municipal Court	541-966-0209
Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



COFFEE with the 
8-10 am CITY

**NO COFFEE WITH THE CITY
THIS MONTH DUE TO
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

AIRPORT NEWS

In March 2015, the Pendleton City Council accepted a 1.155 million dollar IFA loan from the Governor and Business Oregon. The loan was for the construction of a 9,600 s.f. UAS (drone) hangar, which eventually became home to the much-acclaimed Vahana Project (flying unmanned taxicab). In addition to being very low interest, the loan also contained a very generous \$500,000 forgivable component, if the UAS range could meet certain milestones, the most difficult being the creation of 100 jobs within 5 years of completion. When that 100 job requirement was read aloud at Council, City Manager Robb Corbett remembers audible chuckles coming from the audience, some of whom thought the target was unattainable and that the UAS range was a royal waste of time and money. In March of 2017, after several delays, the hangar was completed by Pendleton-based McCormack Construction, and then our job creation clock started ticking. At the end of 5 years, had we created no jobs, then there would have been no forgiveness, just an extra \$500,000 in loan to pay.

On Thursday, August 6th, with more than 1.5 years to spare, the City received a closeout letter from Business Oregon acknowledging the achievement of the 100 job milestone, the equivalent of 208,000 man-hours. That accomplishment makes \$500,000 of the \$1.155m IFA loan forgivable, or essentially a grant. Of note, the airport's CARES Act grant paid off the remaining balance on the hangar loan, so the City now owns the 3.5-year-old hangar free and clear. Also of note, the hangar has generated over \$350,000 in revenue since its completion. The State will still require the UAS range to remain open and actively marketing until December 31, 2021, but that will not be a problem, because the range has never been busier. 7 companies now consider Pendleton their flight test home and more jobs are being created every month. At present, the UAS range is working with Volatus Group and BMCC to launch an unparalleled UAS training program, in hopes of developing more local workforce to fill these new jobs. It's also important to remember that these new companies and these new workers are having many positive impacts on the local and regional economy: lodging; dining; shopping; office supplies; home sales; apartment rentals; car rentals; hardware; cleaning; painters; and construction; just to name a few. Those are almost all local businesses enjoying new customers that did not even exist here a couple of years ago. It's accurate to assume that most of these companies are from out-of-state, and because they require very specialized skillsets, they often bring in their workforce. However, locals are working for these companies, and the purpose of our UAS training program is to steadily increase that number. If you know someone interested in a career in UAS, then please reach out to Steve Lawn: steve.lawn@ci.pendleton.or.us.

We're incredibly blessed to have the staff we do! I'd be remiss in not mentioning the unbelievable support we've received from the Support staff at the Airport, Facilities, Public Works, Community Development, and Legal Departments. City Departments and their crews have time and time again been Johnny-on-the-Spot, every time we've needed something, often at the expense of their other projects. Our customers rave about how great we are to work with, and how they know that they'd never receive this kind of treatment anywhere else. That incredible customer service has built Pendleton a stellar reputation in the UAS world

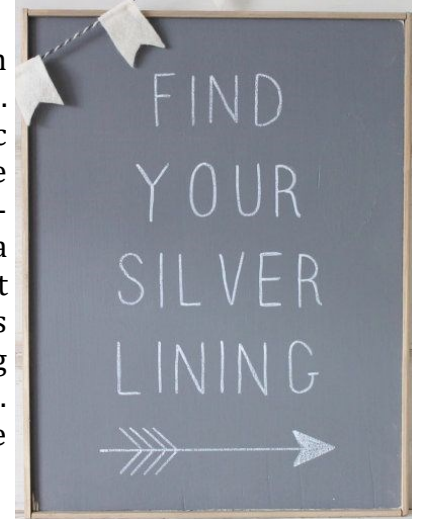
SUBMITTED BY Steve Chrisman, Airport Manager



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

August is frequently referred to as the dog days of summer. One can't help but wonder if in the summer of 2020 our family dogs might be the only ones feeling they are living their best lives. But as we navigate the many disappointments that have come with the state and local efforts to contain the spread of the virus, we can also look to the silver linings.

Pendleton has long had a pioneer spirit, which has shown itself time and again through the grass roots efforts to "get 'er done" by community volunteers. In a year that started with a devastating flood and moved right into a historic pandemic, everyday heroes abound. What do these heroes look like? They are the strangers that showed up with shovels and work gloves to help homeowners clean up their water damaged homes. They are neighbors that pick up extra supplies to share. Those that check in to make sure social distancing hasn't left someone lonely. The mask makers – and the mask wearers. Everyday heroes are those ordering takeout from restaurants, and buying local. They are being innovative in how they conduct business, and creative in delivering services. It is all these acts and more, large and small, that will be the silver linings we remember. And our dogs? They thank you for the extra walks.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING BUT NOT SURE WHERE? We can help find a good match for you. Call 541-966-0244 and speak to our Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Hegarty. City of Pendleton volunteer applications are available at the library, City Hall administrative offices, or can be downloaded [HERE](#).

In America, we take care of
each other, we support one
another, and we look out
for our neighbors

Michael M Honda

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COME INSIDE: STAY AWHILE!

BROWSE APPOINTMENTS

To make an appointment to visit the library call:

541-966-0380

Times Available:

Monday-Thursday 11-6:00pm

Friday 11-4:00pm

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Current Offerings:

- Curbside Delivery of Holds
- Materials Menu (Tells us what type of items you want and we will mystery shop for you)
- Virtual Story Times
- Ebooks and Audiobooks
- Telephone Reference
- Printing
- Copy Machine Use by Appointment
- Computer Use by Appointment

Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday

10 am - 8 pm

Friday 10-5 pm

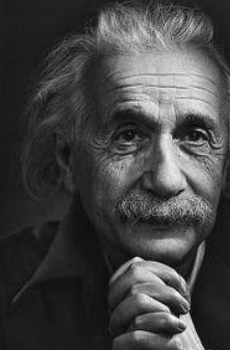
- Computer use and copy machine access not available after 6:00 pm Monday or Thursday or 4 pm Fridays.

Call the library or visit our website for more information

541-966-0380

www.pendletonlibrary.com

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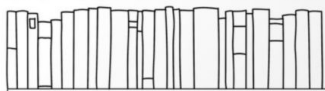


*The only thing you
absolutely have to
know is the location
of the library.*

— ALBERT EINSTEIN

LIBRARIES

ALWAYS REMIND ME
THAT THERE ARE
GOOD THINGS
IN THIS WORLD



BOOKS ARE THE WINDOWS
THROUGH WHICH
THE SOUL LOOKS OUT.

— HENRY WARD BEECHER

INTERLIBRARY LOAN UPDATE



ARE YOU TRYING TO PLACE A HOLD ON AN ITEM AND RECEIVING A NOTIFICATION THAT THE LIBRARY YOU ARE TRYING TO BORROW FROM IS NO LONGER FULFILLING HOLDS?

THE STATUS OF WHICH LIBRARIES ARE SENDING OUT AND RECEIVING ITEMS CHANGES ALMOST DAILY. TO AVOID COMING UP EMPTY WE SUGGEST YOU CALL AND SPEAK DIRECTLY TO OUR ILL COORDINATOR, JAMES.

WITH A LITTLE INFORMATION FROM YOU HE CAN HELP PLACE YOUR HOLD WITH A LIBRARY THAT WILL DELIVER.

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE:
541-966-0384



WASH THOSE HANDS



NOW OFFERING:

Printing & Computer Use

HOW MAKE A COMPUTER APPOINTMENT

- Call the library at 541-966-0380 and request a timeslot between 10 am and 6 pm Mon-Thursday or 10 am and 4 pm Friday
- When you arrive for your appointment call the library from the parking lot and a staff member will let you in to the building
- Printing will be available free of charge up to 20 pages
- Appointments limited to 45 minutes



REQUEST PRINTING SERVICE

- Email the document you need printed to pendletonlibrary97801@gmail.com
- In the subject line enter "Print Job"
- In the body of the email indicate how many copies are needed
- Wait to receive a confirmation from the library that your document was received and we were able to print it
- Arrive at the library during the service hours listed below and call from the parking lot for curbside delivery of your print job.
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HOURS OF SERVICE

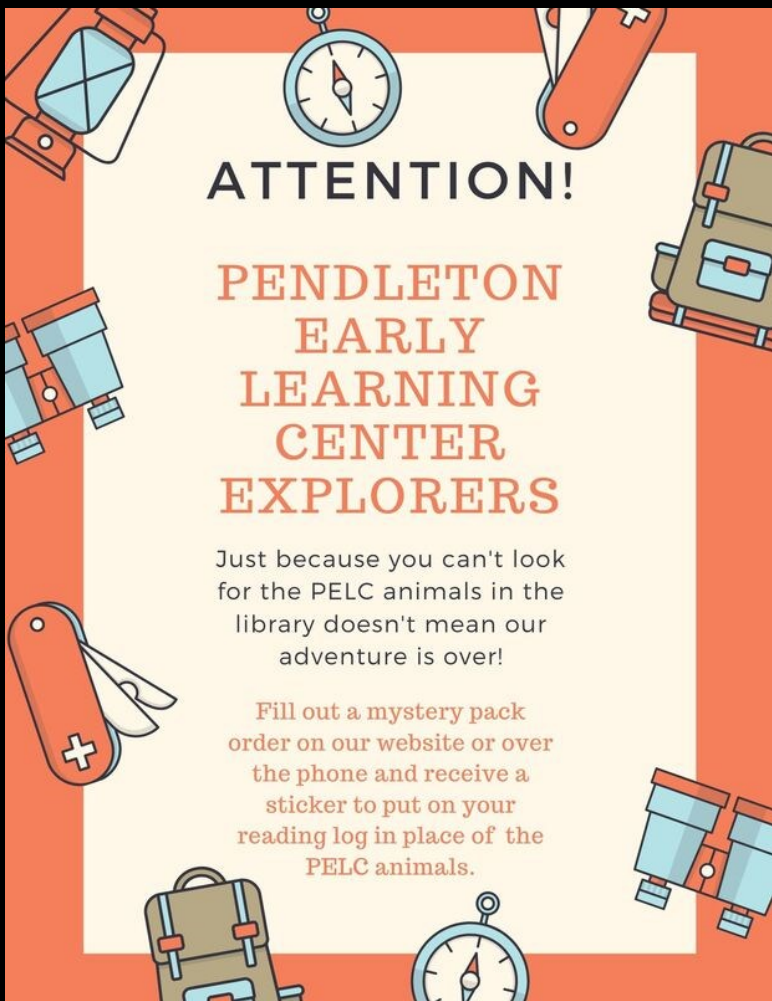
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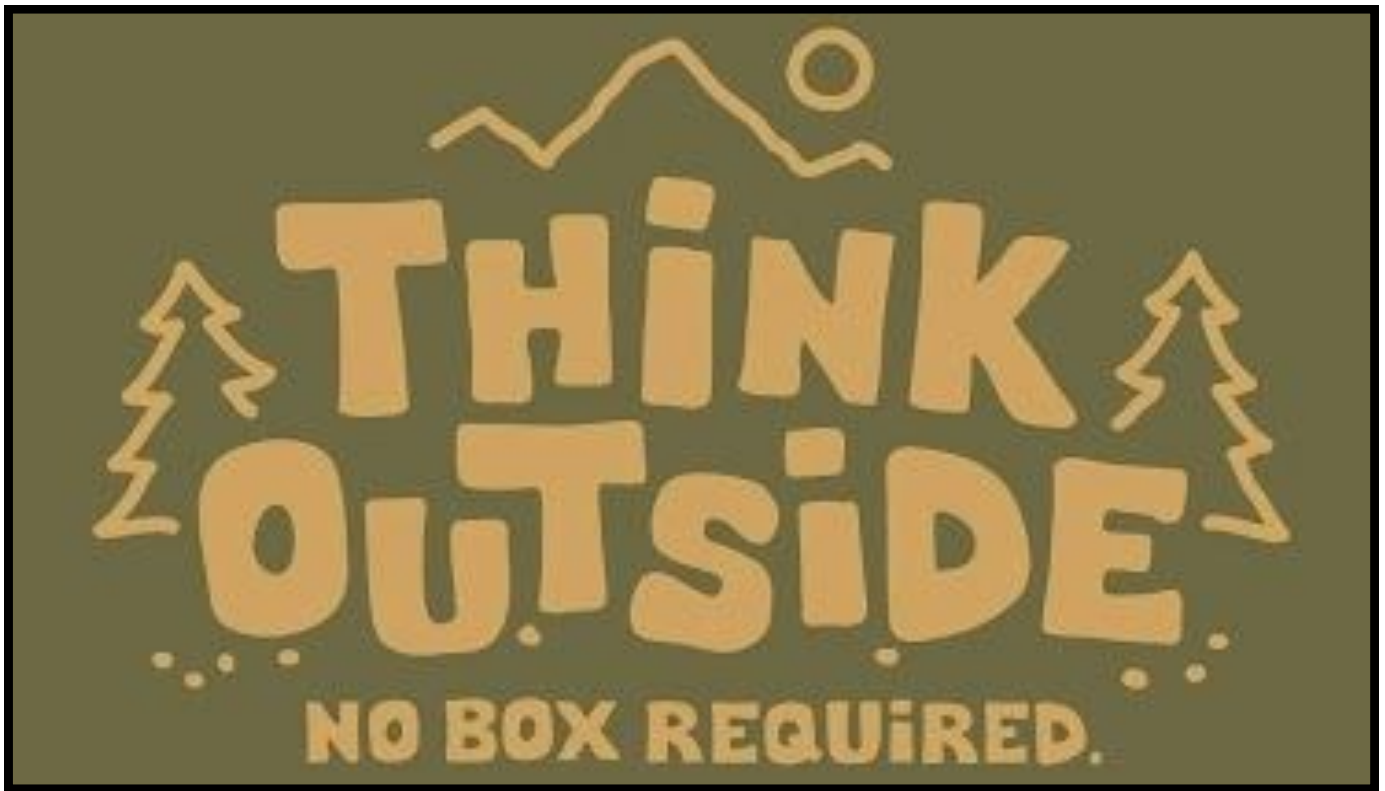
ATTENTION!

PENDLETON EARLY LEARNING CENTER EXPLORERS

Just because you can't look for the PELC animals in the library doesn't mean our adventure is over!

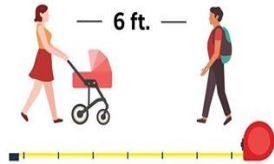
Fill out a mystery pack order on our website or over the phone and receive a sticker to put on your reading log in place of the PELC animals.





Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

Know what 6 feet looks like. Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.

Go by yourself or those you live with.



Avoid crowded areas. If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.

