

# PENDLETON Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

### **Reflections**

A recent opinion piece in the *Washington Post* talked about the natural human bias towards bad news. The article points out that this bias gives us a highly inaccurate picture of the world because we tend to focus on bad news stories coming out of Venezuela or the



civil wars in Syria and Yemen instead of reading good news stories about how billions of our fellow humans are getting healthier, better educated, freer, and more prosperous. In fact, during the previous decade, 148 of the 167 countries tracked on the London-based *Legatum Prosperity Index* demonstrated progress. You don't see that on the news very often.

What is my point? I am beginning my fourth year as your mayor and in looking back on the past three years, I am encouraged by the steady progress I see Pendleton making. Your City Council is composed of accomplished, careful, serious thinking problem-solvers who are only on the Council because of a desire to serve the public. We have clear goals and focus on them to help guide our decisions.

2019 was a year of significant achievement. We were named by the *Oregonian* as the safest city in Oregon. We received \$14.6 million in capital construction dollars from the state legislature. In addition, we got a \$3 million grant from the Economic Development Administration for airport infrastructure improvements along with nearly \$6 million from the FAA for runway repairs. I can cite many additional hundreds of thousands of dollars that we received from lesser grants. We are starting to see more interest from businesses that would like to locate in Pendleton, from Main Street to the UAS Test Range. And yes, the Round-Up had its most prosperous year ever in 2019.

Much work remains to be done. You will hear more in 2020 about increasing our efforts to bring our streets into a decent condition. We need to continue to encourage the development of more housing for all levels of income. We want to attract more businesses to come to Pendleton so we can expand our economy.

Please make a resolution in 2020 to recognize the many good things that characterize our high quality of life in Pendleton. Try to balance the shrill cry of the perpetual critic with the many great stories brought forth by the many productive and compassionate citizens all around us.

Let's all work together for another great year of achievement in 2020!

Mayor John Turner

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### January 21

City Council 7 pm PDC Meeting 6 pm

#### February 4

City Council 7 pm

#### February 18

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/

### **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

John Turner	Mayor	541-922-8605
Jake Cambier	At Large	541-969-2252
Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward I	541-276-9147
Carole Innes	Ward I	541-276-0644
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Scott Fairley	Ward 2	541-240-1825
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









## Join City Staff at Hamley's Café on Monday, February 3

City Manager, Robb Corbett invites community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community to join him on the first

Monday of each month. 8-10 am CI

## COFFEE with 8-10 am CITY

### **HONORING SCOTT FAIRLEY**



Scott Fairley was just beginning the 4th year of his first term of office as a City Councilor but had been in public service for over 20 years. He was currently employed by the State of Oregon. He had also served on several public and community committees over the years including the Planning Commission, Airport Commission, Budget Committee, Farmers Market and Youth Soccer Association.

A long-time resident of Pendleton, Mr. Fairley graduated from Pendleton High School before attending the University of Oregon where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Communications and beginning his career in public service.

Mr. Fairley was a dedicated public servant, and as a City Councilor, he was a strong advocate for establishing goals to drive and measure progress and improvement. He had a reputation for being forward-thinking and not afraid to ask the hard questions.

Councilor Fairley died of a medical incident occurring while on vacation in Mexico. Details are not available. Mr. Fairley is survived by his wife Kimbra, son Lieden Cook, mother Carolyn Frasier and sister Jennifer Peterson.

Scott Fairley's family requested memorial contributions be made to Oregon Public Broadcasting, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS), or the Pendleton Center for the Arts

Below are some of the facebook comments we received regarding the kindness Scott Fairley shared with others.

I think Scott has touched many more hearts than he could ever imagine including mine. He was such a warm easy to approach person. He was the perfect resource for small businesses in the eastern Oregon region and changed lives just by doing what he loved. Thank you Scott from the bottom of my heart!! **A.Z** 

I met Scott after presenting to the city council last fall. After the meeting, Scott chased me down in the parking lot to shake my hand and introduce himself. His warm smile and engaging demeanor instantly made me feel like we were old friends. My condolences to the family and community. God Speed my friend– **S.H** 

Scott had worked with a lot of people in his years at the state, and he's the kind of guy who immediately turned colleagues into friends. I am one of many, many people in Salem and around the state that are just devastated by the news. Heartfelt condolences to his family and friends in Pendleton and around the state. **E.A** 

When I moved to Pendleton in May Scott was one of the first people who I met. He made me feel like I had been in his life for a long time. I did not get to know him well, but he will be missed by me and the entire community and region. A huge loss! We all need to live life like he did, cause you never know. **D.F** 

# While libraries started as a place to borrow books, they've evolved into much more. And all the offerings from your local library, used correctly, can add up to some serious savings back in your pocket! Interested?

Obviously, you can pick up books at your local library, which means that you don't need to spend money on books ever again. But don't just think of the library as a place to check out chapter books for the kids and romance novels for your reading pleasure. At the library, you'll also find books on everything from history to home repair, from parenting to plant-based dieting.

What better way to regain some otherwise-wasted time than to "read" a book on your commute or while you work out? Most public libraries now carry a collection of audio books on CD. Our library lets you check out audiobooks on your phone or another device.

For Friday night entertainment try borrowing a movie from the local library! Most libraries are excellent at stocking Blockbusters and new releases, so you don't have to wait long to see that flick you've been dying to check out. Again, this can work best if you reserve your movies ahead of time. Our libraries make this simple with an online interface! COME IN and CHECK OUT at the library.



# AFTER HOURS TEEN GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH @ 6:30



SARDINES IN THE STACKS

PRESENTED BY THE LIBRARY TEEN COUNCIL





#### STORY TIMES

Thursdays @ 10:15 am Fridays @ 10:15 am Location: National Parks Area All Ages

All are welcome to attend, though stories and crafts are tailored toward children ages 6 and under.







#### CRAFTERNOONS

Each Tuesday @ 4:15 pm Location: National Parks Area Ages 3-12

Ms. Briana will lead a fun take-home craft. Be sure to pick up a schedule at the front desk so you can plan ahead.

#### JANUARY CLOSURES

New Years Day- January 1st MLK Jr. Day- January 20th Closure for Carpeting- January 21st

#### TECH SOUP

Fri. Jan 10th from 2-4 pm Location: Library Meeting Room No Registration Required



Did you get a new tablet? Switch from Android to Apple? Struggling with your new laptop?

Bring your device in to the Library and Heather will help you navigate the world of technology.

#### LIBBY FOR THE LIBRARY

Wed. Jan. 22nd @ 6:00 pm Location: National Parks Area

Learn to download eBooks and Audiobooks using the Libby app! Please bring your device with you to this class.

Instruction by: James



### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 10-8pm Fridays & Saturdays: 10-5pm

WWW.PENDLETONLIBRARY.WEEBLY.COM





#### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### Be Good By Doing Good in the New Year

New year, new decade! Often this is the time to reflect and identify areas of our life where we want to make change. It's an opportunity to take inventory and make resolutions, which tend to focus on personal issues: health, finances, relationships, etc. Why not make a resolution that can help in all areas of life: volunteer!

Research supports that volunteering has a positive effect on mental and physical health, and helps build connections and strengthens the community. Building skills through volunteer activities can often lead to job opportunities and growth.

If you are looking for ways to give back this year, consider volunteering in our community. There are many local organi-







zations that would welcome your time and skill set. At the City of Pendleton, volunteers play a vital role in delivering quality

programs and services. Opportunities are available for groups and individuals to participate in a multitude of areas, including recreational, professional, technical, special events, and general support. Contact our volunteer coordinator to find out how you can start off the new year with a commitment of doing good.

#### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

New volunteers are required to complete an application and consent to background check. For more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator tiffany.hegarty@ci.pendleton.or.us

**Jan-Feb** Youth Basketball Coaches: Youth basketball program needs coaches for Boys  $3^{rd}/4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  grade divisions for fall, and  $1^{st}/2^{nd}$  grades and Girls  $3^{rd}$  - $6^{th}$  starting in January. Previous

experience is helpful but not a requirement – there will be a coaching clinic. (Recreation)

Feb 8th Daddy Daughter Dance: Annual dance for fathers and daughters. Assist with registration,

hosting, set up/cleanup.

Feb 29th Me and My Superhero Dance: Annual dance for mothers and sons. Assist with registra-

tion, hosting, set up/cleanup.

Ongoing: Document Scanner: Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration, Community

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**NEW VOLUNTEERS** Patricia Case, Tyler Ball, Van SoHappy

# THANK YOU Volunteers! We couldn't do it without you

#### **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. Volunteer Applications Available <u>HERE</u>, Return to the Administrative office at: 500 SW Dorion Avenue.

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM WINTER SCHEDULE

We are getting into the winter months here in Eastern Oregon, where the weather is unpredictable. We wanted to remind you of our inclement weather policy regarding our Afterschool Program (ASP).

We will do our very best to keep our afterschool programs as scheduled. There are a few reasons we would cancel our ASP Program:

- If Pendleton School District (PSD) cancels a school day there will be no ASP
- If the City Manager closes City Hall there will be no ASP

Please note that if PSD has a late start, we will plan on having our Afterschool Program as school gets out at normal times.

Ways you can find out important information regarding ASP closures:

- We will send out an email to all ASP families as soon as there is any kind of change
- We will always post important updates on our Facebook page
- Please make sure you follow us at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
   PendletonParksRec
- You can always call our main office at 541-276-8100



## TUMBLING

# The Current Session is January 21st - March 24th at the Recreation Center, NOW ON TUESDAYS

**Partners in Play** 18m to 3 years old 4:00-4:30 \$63

This interactive class between child and parent is a great start to perfecting those motor skills. We will work on drills that build strength, flexibility, coordination, and patience. We will use an obstacle course for warm-up including the vault, mini trampoline, hoops, balls, slide, and tunnel. We work on backward and forward rolls. Basic bar drills including hanging, chin-ups, toe touches, and swinging. We also do beam drills such as walking forward, walking backward and scales. The parent or guardian is required to participate with the child in this class and the child must be walking.

#### **Tiny Tumblers** 3-5 years old 4:45-5:30 \$70

This class is an introduction to tumbling skills. Perfect for your little one to learn forward and backward rolls, dive rolls, jumps, bridge ups, kick-ups, and handstands. We will learn basic bar skills such as toe touches, front supports, and cast-offs. Also, basic vault and beam skills geared for your 3-4-year-olds. This is the first-class without direct parental involvement.

#### **Tumblers** 5-7 years old 5:45-6:30 \$70

Runs, hurdles, squat on vault, stick landings, on floor supported backbend kick overs, cartwheel/head/handstand drills, back handspring drills, rolls, and more, bar drills to include chin/pull-ups, toe touches, pullovers, casts back hip circles, dismounts, beam, straddle mounts walks, jumps, kicks and more (on low and high beam) Also obstacle courses. Parental participation no longer needed.





Our Daddy Daughter Dance will be switching venues due to a scheduling conflict.

The Daddy Daughter dance will now take place at Sunridge Middle School in both of the gyms.

Picking up your tickets will be the same process. *They* will be available starting January 21st at our main Parks and Recreation office at 865 Tutuilla Rd.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

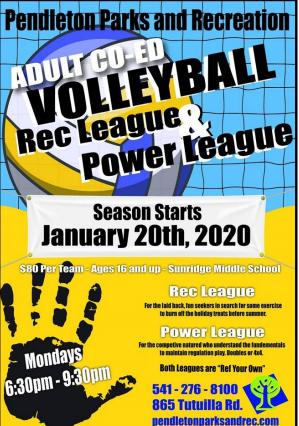
February 8th the doors will open at 5:30

# REGISTER FOR UPDATES

Parents - have you signed into your family's Park and Recreation account lately? This is the quickest way to update any outdated information, register for activities, and purchase passes.

Follow the link below to log into your account. Your login is always your email address, and if you aren't sure, give our office a call! First time user? Enter in your email address and select forgot password. <a href="https://apm.activecommunities.com/pendleton.../ActiveNet\_Login">https://apm.activecommunities.com/pendleton.../ActiveNet\_Login</a>





# CONGRATULATIONS on behalf of the City of Pendleton to the 2019 First Citizen Chamber Winners

Thank you for your contribution in our community and making it a wonderful place to live!

- · Man of the Year: Mike Thorne
- Woman of the Year: Jill Thorne
- Business of the Year: Oxford Suites
  - Boss of the Year: Mike McHenry,
     Pendleton Sanitary Service
- Employee of the Year: Margaret Gianotti, Blue Mountain Community College
- Ambassador of the Year: Carolyn Pearson