



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

March 2020

An Update On Flood Recovery More than a month has passed since the historic flooding of 6 February and many of our citizens are finding it difficult to return to their homes. Homes in the east end of Pendleton, especially those in mobile home parks, were hit the hardest. In many cases during the relief effort, homes were stripped of their wet insulation and ruined appliances. More than 700 tons of debris, garbage, and ruined personal effects were removed from Riverside neighborhoods. Many homes were destroyed. I wish I could tell you that there is a vast source of money out there to help private property owners, but there is not a large sum of public money immediately available. The one source of real-time help is CAPECO, our regional community action program. CAPECO put many displaced people in hotels for a few days or a couple of weeks, and they are seeking exemptions from State rules that limit help to people based on their income. CAPECO has been the target of some complaints, but my observation is that they are working hard to help flood victims and are increasing their efforts to provide some limited but immediate financial support to victims of the flood. There was also some confusion as to what the City of Pendleton would require in the way of building permits. I think this confusion (I take the blame here) has been cleared up and I encourage those who want to begin repairing a damaged house to talk to either CAPECO or the Pendleton Planning Department.



In the meantime, longer term relief was announced on Monday, March 9th, when the Legislative Emergency Board allocated \$11.65 million to help with flood relief in Umatilla County. A big chunk of this was designed to provide new affordable housing. \$1.5 million was set aside for rapid rehousing, including rental assistance. This fund will be administered by the Oregon Housing and Community Services department with CAPECO serving as the fiscal agent. While the rules on how this funding will be distributed are still being worked out, I encourage flood victims to stay in contact with CAPECO to see what benefits they may qualify for.

I am most encouraged by the \$4.0 million that will become available for new affordable housing. Pendleton officials will work with CAPECO, the CTUIR, and Umatilla County to determine what rules we have to follow to get this money and how it will be spent. We want to help people who lost their homes in the flood first, but the reality is that it will take time to acquire property and actually produce housing. Pendleton will receive an additional \$2.0 million specifically for additional affordable housing development.

Part of this emergency funding package is \$1.8 million to repair the levees on the west end of town and I am pleased to report that this important construction project has already been completed. The E-Board also allocated \$1.5 million to help damaged businesses get back on their feet. Again, we are talking to the State to get clarity on how these funds might be spent.

Please don't expect immediate help from FEMA. Our State of Oregon Emergency Declaration went to Washington, D.C. but it can take several months for the Federal Government to make the decision to declare a national emergency. At that point, FEMA will start evaluating our claims and this will take months. The City of Pendleton still has not received any reimbursement from FEMA for our April of 2019 flood emergency. We will eventually get Federal reimbursement, but I want our citizens to be aware that this is a long, drawn-out process. One of the things said by FEMA representatives during the February flood was not to expect FEMA to provide trailers for the homeless. Those stories of acres of trailers sitting in Louisiana are myths- those famous FEMA trailers don't exist.

I understand why citizens who have been out of their homes for more than a month are frustrated. I share your frustration, but want to assure you that your City government has flood recovery as its number one priority. I don't want our citizens to lose hope, but to be aware that this recovery will take more than a year.

If you have a problem that you don't think we are paying attention to, please call the City Manager/ Mayor's office at 541-966-0201 and we will try to get you in touch with someone who can help solve it.

Mayor Turner



CITY OF PENDLETON

Community Development Department

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Pendleton OR 97801-2090

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Restoration of Flood Damaged Homes

If your home was damaged by the flood, your home is likely in a regulated flood hazard area and according to the National Flood Insurance Program, may be required to be raised in elevation to protect it from any future flooding. See City of Pendleton Ordinance 3791.

In the event of a flood, the National Flood Insurance Program requires cities to determine if a flood damaged home has received "substantial damage." This is calculated by taking the cost of the damage and determining if it is 50% or more of the real market value of the home. If the home reaches this threshold, cities are required to mandate that: 1. the dwelling is elevated above the base flood elevation, 2. The dwelling is placed using the required standards of construction in a floodplain, and 3. that the structure is properly secured to the foundation and/or ground.

It is expected there will be financial assistance to help people with these costs. It is reasonable to expect this assistance will be distributed based on the damages to the house. The amount of financial assistance and the qualification standards are unknown at this time.

You may begin to repair your home if you choose, **at your own risk**. Simple repairs to your house do not require a permit. Replacing carpet, sheetrock, paint and other minor repairs do not require a permit. Any changes to walls, electrical, or plumbing changes may require a permit. If you have questions about whether your work requires a permit or not, call the City of Pendleton Building Department at 541-966-0203.

The City of Pendleton expects to notify homeowners we believe who have met or exceeded these limits within the next 10 days.

If you have any further questions about the damage assessment process please contact the City of Pendleton Community Development Department 541-966-0203.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 17

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

April 7

City Council 7 pm

April 21

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
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

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KEEPING IT SIMPLE IN REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS ~ WASH YOUR HANDS!

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

Clean AND disinfect [frequently touched surfaces](#) daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

WORRIED ABOUT THE FLU OR CORONA?

HELP FIGHT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.
HAND SANITIZER IS GOOD IN A PINCH.

KEEP HANDS AWAY
FROM MOUTH, NOSE OR EYES TO AVOID TRANSFERRING GERMS.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT
FREQUENTLY USED SURFACES LIKE COUNTERS, LIGHT SWITCHES, DOORKNOBS, AND REMOTES.

COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES
WITH A TISSUE THEN THROW TISSUE AWAY AND WASH YOUR HANDS.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME
FROM WORK, SCHOOL, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS.

Join City Staff at Hamley's Café on Monday, April 6

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.

COFFEE with the CITY
8-10 am

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Pendleton Development Commission (PDC) is preparing a program to help homeowners in the city's urban renewal district improve their homes. As a first step, the PDC is creating an inventory of blighted homes, those that look like they need improvement.

The PDC is seeking volunteers who are able to drive streets in the urban renewal district, identify blighted homes and complete the rating sheet on the blight elements and take a photo. Volunteers will have a letter on city letterhead, identifying the purpose of their work. A camera will be provided to the volunteer to be used to take the photos.

It is estimated that this volunteer job will last anywhere from two to four weeks, depending on the volunteer hours available. For more information contact Charles Denight, PDC Associate Director, 541-966-0233 or Tiffany Hegarty, Volunteer Coordinator, 541-966-0244.

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

- May** **Blighted Home Inventory:** Pendleton Development Commission seeks help canvassing the community and logging blighted homes for a proposed program.
- June 20th:** **Wild West Beerfest:** Fundraiser for Pendleton Parks & Recreation Afterschool Program scholarships. Volunteers are needed to help set up and break down event, pour beer and ticket sales (over 21 only).
- Ongoing:** **Document Scanner:** Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration, Community Development)

NEW VOLUNTEERS Tyler Bowman, Sarah Feller, Conan Fisher, Michael Flemer, Bailey Weinke

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 HERE](#) , [Return to the Administrative office at: 500 SW Dorion Avenue.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities Available



TEAM



BUDDY



SOLO

AGES 8 TO 12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Cupcake Wars

We provide the cupcakes and decorating supplies, you bring your creativity and skills to see who can create the best decorated cupcakes!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH
@ 4:30PM

You are allowed to bring your own decorating supplies if you desire something specific.



FOR ALL AGES

LEGO MANIA

Saturday, March 21st @ 3:30pm



Zine Class

Tuesday, March 24th @ 5pm
Learn how to create your own Zine
at the library!

Teens
and
Adults



Pendleton Public Library
502 SW Dorion Avenue
Pendleton, OR 97801

MISSION STATEMENT

Enrich quality of life and build a robust community through engagement and lifelong learning.

Pendleton Public Library strives to be the center of community involvement. An educated, informed, and involved citizenry creates a vibrant, livable community. The library stocks books, audios and videos for check out and hosts fun and informative programs for all ages. The website provides 24/7 access to a wide range of databases as well as access to the patron's account.

Providing excellent service to those who visit in person or online is a goal of the Library. Come see us soon.

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WED. MAR 25TH @ 6:00 PM

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CARD!



ALL AGES

YOGA FAMILY PARTY

Enjoy fantastic stories, relaxing yoga, and a craft!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH @ 3:30PM



Pendleton Public Library
502 SW Dorion Avenue

Crafternoons



Story Time



When:
Thursdays & Fridays
10:15 am

Join us weekly for stories, songs, and
crafts with Ms. Briana!