



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

October 2020

Explaining the “Right to Rest”

Like most other cities in America, Pendleton is wrestling with how to manage its homeless population. The City does not intend to use its limited resources to provide robust services to the homeless. Nevertheless, they are fellow human beings and they have the same Constitutional rights that the rest of us enjoy. A couple of fairly recent Federal District Court cases have further defined the rights of the homeless and have issued guidance on what cities can and cannot do.



In 2019’s *Martin v. Boise*, the Court held that there is a right to be homeless and to be able to rest. The government could not criminalize homeless people for sleeping outdoors on public property if there was no other access to shelter. More recently, in the July of 2020 case of *Blake v. City of Grants Pass*, the Court said that the homeless could not be denied the life-sustaining activities of resting, sleeping, and seeking shelter from the elements. The City of Grants Pass had an anti-camping ordinance that also prohibited sleeping in a car for more than two hours. These laws applied to all public spaces in Grants Pass at all times, including parks. There were no public shelters available in Grants Pass.

The recent “Right to Rest” ordinance passed by the City Council tries to walk the line between providing legal access to some public properties to sleep (not camping) while denying rest in other public properties. For example, our parks have closed at 10:00 pm for many years. Therefore, we will not grant permission to routinely camp overnight in our parks (the City Manager has the authority to grant a waiver for special events). People may not sleep in the right of way (including sidewalks, driveways, and doorway entrances). They are permitted, however, to sleep (including inside a tent) on other public property from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am the next day, but they may not establish a temporary campsite. They must pack up their belongings, clean-up, and vacate their sleeping spot by 6:00 am.

Where are these other public properties? Well, the City owns parcels of land near the Convention Center, surrounding all public buildings, six vacant acres in the north Riverside area and near the airport. The Umatilla River banks are public property and there are a few small publicly owned parcels of land scattered about the City. The Community Development Department can provide more specific information on where the City owns the property.

Is this new ordinance perfect? Of course not, but it does a couple of things. It complies with Federal law by affirming the right of the homeless to rest and guides when and where that might take place. It provides a tool that the police can use to enforce the law and it provides a reasonable right of appeal before legal action would take effect. Remember that none of this pertains to your private property and if you have a problem with homeless campers, please call the Pendleton Police Department so you can have them “trespassed.”

Stay Safe,

Mayor Turner

COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 20

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

November 3

City Council 7 pm

November 13

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
Kevin Martin	Ward I	541-969-6744
Carole Innes	Ward I	541-276-0644
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Sally Brandsen	Ward 2	503-351-6624
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



COFFEE with the 
8-10 am CITY

Meeting will be via
ZOOM

Information found under meetings.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Are you interested in participating in city government?

The City of Pendleton has many boards, committees and commissions for which a member of our community has opportunity to volunteer.

Airport Commission

Air Quality Commission

Arts Committee

Budget Committee

Convention Center Commission

Historic Landmarks Commission

Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Committee

Library Board

Parks & Recreation Commission

Pendleton Development Commission (Urban Renewal)

Planning Commission

Solid Waste Advisory Board

Transportation Committee

Tree Commission

Committee/Commission Appointments

To be considered for appointment to a vacant position on a City Board, Committee or Commission, please complete the [APPLICATION](#) and submit it to the Mayor's office at City Hall, or via email to:

donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us

**NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED**

CITY STAFF ACTIVITY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance had a slower than the normal second quarter due in part to COVID-19 fears and the stay at home order in March and April. We had our busiest of June, July, and August. We are transporting COVID-19 patients from their homes and hospitals all around the region. Year to date we have had 1557 EMS calls, 11 structure fires, and 20 wildland fires. Our crews responded on mutual aid to Umatilla and Pilot Rock during the labor day fires. We sent a Task Force Leader and a Type 6 brush truck and crew to Clackamas county for a little over a week to assist the Oregon State Fire Marshal with the devastating fires in that region.

PFD&A is working on health and fitness programs for the regional Fire Departments. We are looking for opportunities to work with other departments and community groups. We have participated in Emergency Management drills with the airport and other partners. Covid-19 has slowed some of our opportunities like helping Parks and Rec with their summer camps. We look forward to next year. Work continues with UCFD1, Echo FD, EUFD, and Umatilla County Dispatch to better serve the community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & AIRPORT STAFF

Local general aviation activity and UAS activity were both up considerably from the same month in 2019. Boutique Air enplanements (outbound passengers) were up to 54% of normal last month, which is an improvement. Boutique Air also lowered its rental car prices. South County Construction (SCC) built a box hangar, which was quickly leased by a UAS company, Resolute ISR. SCC is now building three additional hangars, which will all be leased by the UAS company, who is hiring 10+ employees. The city awarded a \$2.4 million hangar bid to McCormack Construction. Phase IV UAS Industrial Park construction is ahead of schedule. A hypercar manufacturer filmed a promotional video at the airport on September 21st, which brought a world-renowned social media influencer to town. Terminal remodel is being planned for the 1st quarter of 2021. The city has drawn down almost \$3 million from the CARES Act fund, which leaves about \$14 million for other airport projects. The Atkore pipe plant received \$600,000 in flood relief from the State of Oregon to help with the rebuild

PUBLIC WORKS

Construction-related: SE Byers Avenue Reconstruction Project: The contractor is having curb & gutter constructed this week between SE 12th to SE 9th Drive. They are also working on the storm drainage system between SE 9th Drive and SE 9th Street. They will continue to work on getting the curb & gutter constructed in the coming weeks for the entire project. This work will be followed by sidewalks and paving.

2020 Overlay Project: Construction work has been completed.

Pendleton Zone 1 Levee: City staff is coordinating work with the US Army Corps of Engineers for repairs at 4 locations.

Pendleton Zone 2 Levee: City staff is waiting on final materials to restore the interior drainage for the McKennon Station. City staff recently completed the interior drainage restoration for Keystone & Cor-Tek. The consultant is putting together a final report for the overall restoration of the entire levee system to previous "as-built" conditions as established by the US Army COE.

2021 Overlay Project and Urban Renewal Agency ROW Project: City staff will begin a series of weekly meetings and assignments to put together the construction considerations for next year's street projects.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Industrial Park: The contractor is paving the first section of roadway from Daniel Road, located at the northern extent of the airport property, to the lift station site this week and next. Dry utility and water utility work is being completed in preparation for the rest of the roadway work to be completed. The contractor is about 1 week ahead of the October 16th roadway completion date. Overall project completion can be up to April 30, 2021.



CITY OF PENDLETON

RECEIVES LEAGUE OF OREGON CITY EXCELLENCE AWARD

SALEM, Ore. – During its 95th Annual Conference Wednesday, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2020 Award for Excellence to the city of Pendleton for its UAS Drone Range. The award recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services.

About the UAS Drone Range

Pendleton's City Council took an innovative approach to rural economic development when it established the drone Range. With an investment of less than \$500,000, the city developed a premier, unmanned vehicle test range that has revitalized Pendleton's World War 2-era airport, more than doubled the airport's average annual revenue, and created more than 60 high-paying aerospace jobs.

First launched in the fall of 2013, the drone range was slow to develop but took off in 2016. It has attracted more than \$5.5 million in grants and has become a major economic driver in the community. Airport ground and building rents are now nearly six times higher than they had been historically and more buildings are under construction.

For the first time in decades, the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport operates in the black and UAS range revenue will likely exceed \$1 million this fiscal year. In addition, Blue Mountain Community College, Intermountain ESD, Pendleton High School, and Sunridge Middle School have all worked closely with the UAS range to create internships and new educational opportunities.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.



VOLUNTEERING DURING COVID-19

As we enter the seventh month of living in a pandemic, our community is adapting to the challenges a time such as this brings. City Hall has re-opened to the public, and City programs are slowly ramping up and finding new and creative ways to continue to provide services to the citizens of Pendleton. An example of this is the Parks and Recreation department's pivot to a Drive-In Movie on Halloween, replacing the annual Halloween Carnival due to the challenges of social distancing during large scale events. Kudos to staff for reinventing a beloved event so that the community can still enjoy a fun, safe, family activity on Halloween.



Safety is foremost on our minds as we begin to bring volunteers into programs gearing back up. Policies and procedures have been established to ensure that all volunteers will be subject to a safe environment when volunteering on behalf of the City of Pendleton. Masks, sanitation, and social distancing are all part of the strategy. We look forward to welcoming back our wonderful volunteers who graciously share their time and skills for the benefit of our great community.

WORK FOR
A CAUSE,
NOT FOR
APPLAUSE.
Live LIFE TO
EXPRESS,
NOT TO IMPRESS.
STAY POSITIVE.ME

Volunteer Opportunity:

The Municipal Court is in need of a volunteer to assist with scanning closed court cases into digital files. This activity would be ongoing, 2-4 hours per week, with flexible hours depending on the volunteer's schedule and availability. Due to the sensitive nature of the work, volunteer is required to be fingerprinted and pass a Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) background check as part of the application process.

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](#).

it is in your
hands to create
a better world
for all who
live in it.

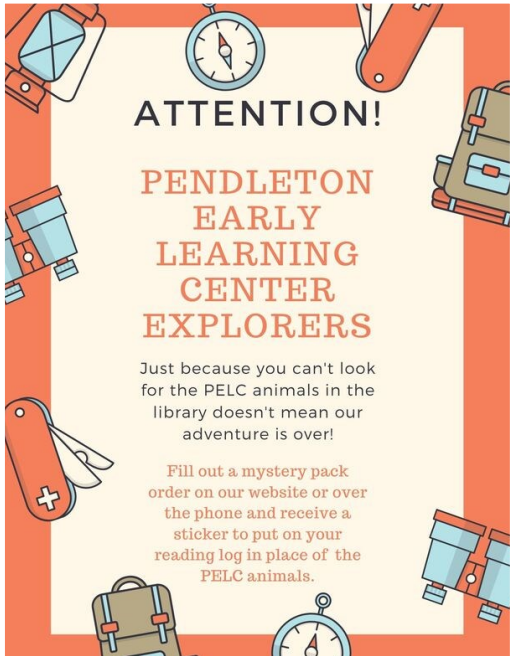
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WHAT TO DO WITH OVERDUE ITEMS

RETURN YOUR LIBRARY MATERIALS

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, THE PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS BACK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! AS A RESULT WE WILL BEGIN TO CHARGE OVERDUE/LATE FEES FOR ALL OUTSTANDING ITEMS AS WELL AS "LOST ITEM" CHARGES FOR ANYTHING A MONTH OVERDUE.

YOU CAN HAVE CHARGES REMOVED BY RETURNING THOSE ITEMS BEFORE OCTOBER 21ST!



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.

20 Perfectly Spooky HALLOWEEN books for kids



Tuesday, October 27th at 6pm
DIY Cemeterriums

CEMETERRIUMS



We are making a Halloween cemetery-themed working terrarium!
Registration is Required.
Call (541)966-0380

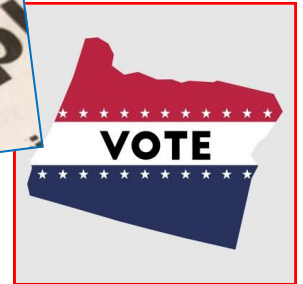
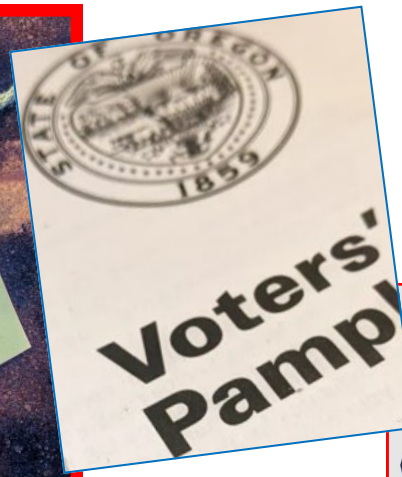
Pendleton Public Library

PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OPEN!!

MONDAY – THURSDAY 10AM-8PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM -5PM

500 SW DORION 541-966-0380



In Umatilla County Ballots will be mailed on October 14th.

Am I registered to vote? [Click here to check](#). If you are not or your information is not up to date please contact the Elections Office 541-278-6254.

As of March 1st 2010 you can now register to vote online. [Click here to get started](#).

Snow birds, college students, and travelers, this message is for you!

If you are going to be away during the winter months and you would still like to vote, you can request an absentee ballot. Simply provide the first and last days you plan to receive mail at this address, and we will send your ballot to this address between those dates. The post office will not forward your ballot from your home address, so it is important we have the address where you'll be during the election.

If you have an Oregon Driver's License/ID this information can be updated online using the Oregon Secretary of State's [My Vote](#) webpage. Otherwise, please complete and sign the Oregon Secretary of State's Absentee form [SEL 111](#) and return it to our office by mail, fax, or drop off.

If you are a Military or an Overseas Voter please visit the [Federal Voting Assistance Program \(FVAP\)](#) webpage.

IMPORTANT! FAILURE TO SIGN BELOW WILL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY TO BE COUNTED

POSTAL CLERK: Deliver to address on other side.

JOHN DOE SMITH
1234 NE MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN OR 97XXX

SIGN HERE

WARNING: SIGNING ANOTHER PERSON'S NAME TO THIS ENVELOPE IS A CLASS C FELONY

VOTER'S STATEMENT

By signing, I certify that:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election; and
- I still live at the address printed below.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

BRACE YOURSELVES



**CRUNCHY LEAF PILES
ARE COMING**

AND JUST LIKE THAT



IT FELT LIKE PUMPKIN SPICE SEASON OUTSIDE

FALL IS HERE



**GO OUT AND
DO GOOD THINGS**

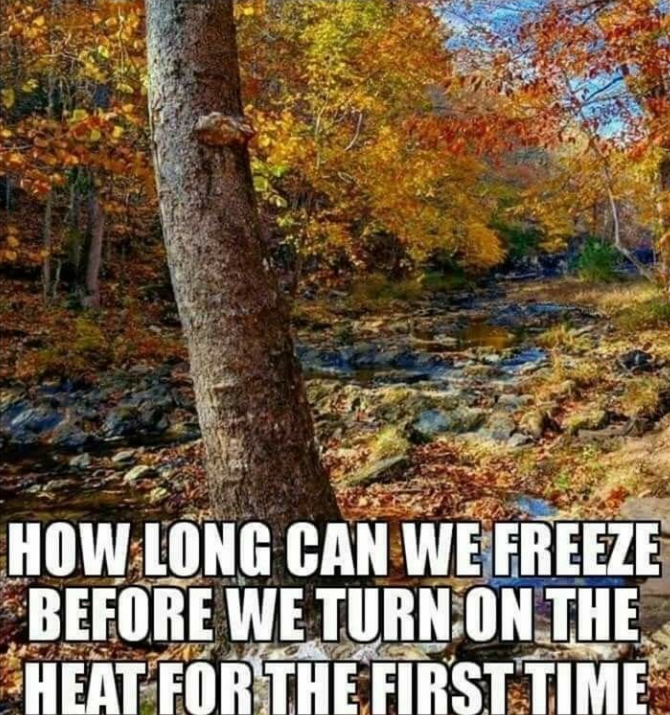
Me on September 1st



READY

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>Gina*

**IN THE FALL MY FAMILY LIKES
TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME**



**HOW LONG CAN WE FREEZE
BEFORE WE TURN ON THE
HEAT FOR THE FIRST TIME**



what
I
plan
to
do



what I
actually
do

**WHEN SOMEONE SAYS
"IT'S TOO SOON
FOR PUMPKIN SPICE"**



**AND YOU REALIZE YOU
DON'T NEED THAT KIND
OF NEGATIVITY IN YOUR LIFE**

**PUMPKIN SPICE
IS MY
FAVORITE
SEASON**

