



# PENDLETON

*Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon*

September 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### City Utility Rates

I have been talking with quite a few civic groups lately and the question “...Why is my water bill so high?” has come up more than once. I asked our Public Works Director, Bob Patterson, to look at other cities in Oregon to see how Pendleton’s water rates compared. The answer was about what I expected: we are roughly in the middle of the pack.



Looking at the utility bills for water, sewer, & storm water services for the average residential consumer in 42 cities, Pendleton is number 28 from the top. This means that 27 of 42 cities have higher utility rates than Pendleton. The utility rates for Pendleton and Hermiston are within a few pennies of each other for the average user.

Here are a few examples:

The average Pendleton residential customer uses 1300 cubic feet of water, or about 9,725 gallons each month (higher in the summer, lower in the winter). On the utility bill, water usage is reported in units, with 1 unit equal to 100 cubic feet, or about 748 gallons. The utility bill for water, sewer, and storm services with 13 units of water usage works out to \$96.95 per month. A utility customer using water, sewer, and storm services in Hermiston pays \$96.79 for the same amount of water usage. Now let’s look at some other similar sized cities:

Lebanon (pop. 16,920) - \$164.02

Sherwood (pop. 19,505) - \$144.94

The Dalles (pop. 15,666) - \$ 103.62

The rates in La Grande (\$90.00) and Milton-Freewater (\$69.62) are lower than Pendleton, but other regional cities such as Heppner (\$107.79) and Athena (\$102.00) are higher.

The conclusion that I draw from this information is that Pendleton’s utility rates are no higher than they need to be to provide effective and efficient services to our citizens. In fact, they are less expensive than many similar sized cities in Oregon. If you think your water bill is too high, please check your consumption. You may have an underground leak or you may wish to cut back on your lawn irrigation a bit.

On behalf of the City and its Council, I also want to express our tremendous gratitude to all the Round-Up and Happy Canyon volunteers who elevate Pendleton to the international stage each year. Many of the volunteers are city employees, who take vacation time to participate, and many of our employees are providing services during these events. These two events give the City of Pendleton recognition far beyond what our population would normally rate. Thanks for your community spirit. Let ‘er Buck and On With the Show!

John Turner

Mayor, City of Pendleton

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### September 17

City Council 7:00 pm

PDC Meeting 6 pm

### October 1

City Council 7pm

### October 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/>

## 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 1	541-276-9147
Carole Innes	Ward 1	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



## Join City Staff at Hamley's Café on Monday, Oct. 1

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.



## PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER

### SEPTEMBER

18<sup>th</sup> Pendleton Chamber, Leadership Graduation

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Jehovah's Witnesses 16 A&B

24<sup>th</sup> City of Pendleton Safety Training-Flood plan

26<sup>th</sup> ~ 28<sup>th</sup> PFOL Book sale

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> ~5<sup>th</sup> UAV Conference

8<sup>th</sup> City of Pendleton – Safety Training

8<sup>th</sup> Pregnancy Care Services Dinner

11<sup>th</sup> IMESD – Fall Summit

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oregon Horse Council – Equine Fair



Visit us online: [www.pendletonconventioncenter.com](http://www.pendletonconventioncenter.com)

**THANK YOU to the many volunteers, businesses, civic organizations and community members who welcomed visitors to the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon.**



A week where our community doubles in size and showcases what the west is really about.

*The City of Pendleton is grateful for everyone in our community who steps up to take on the duties of hosting guests for over 100 years!*

## EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS WITH THE CITY OF PENDLETON

All position openings with the City of Pendleton are posted on our website. For additional information or questions, please contact Andrea Denton in the Human Resources Office at 1.541.966.0222.

[Laboratory Technician](#) [Rest Room Attendant](#) [Assistant Library Director](#)  
[Youth Librarian](#) [After School Program Recreation Aides](#)  
[Convention Center Laborer](#) [Parks & Recreation Aides & Instructors](#)

*The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, or any other category protected by law.*

Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Pendleton!

<https://pendleton.or.us/employment>

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



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The After School Program launched their online enrollment on August 21st. Parents are now able to log in, pay their supply fee and select days for their children to attend the program. Parents will be able to pre-pay and receive a 10% discount if the child attends 3 or more days in a week.

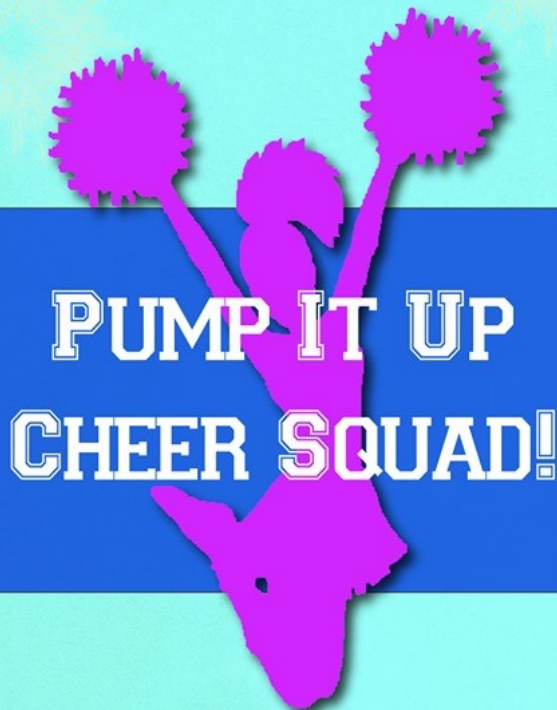
To ensure children's safety, we are requiring parents to fill out an information sheet for the child before their first day. [Download the Information Sheet PDF.](#)

PARTICIPATION FEES are \$8 per child per day and a \$10 supply fee (*supply fee is paid once per year at the start of the program.*) To guarantee your spot in the program please complete the registration form and pay the supply fee before enrollment. -Participation fees can be paid in advance or billed weekly. There is a 10% discount if you pay in advance for at least 3 days a week, or 2 days a week for 2 or more siblings. Parents can receive the 10% discount by enrolling in-office the Friday before, or online the Sunday before by 11:59 pm. A tutorial will be posted on [pendletonparksandrec.com](http://pendletonparksandrec.com)

For more information, select the following link. [Afterschool Program Page](#)

Pendleton Parks and Recreation  
Presents

CHEER ON PENDLETON YOUTH FOOTBALL



CAMP COST IS \$50 + POM-POMS AND T-SHIRT  
SEP. 16TH - OCT. 28TH, MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
HELEN MCCUNE GYM

AGES 7-14



541-276-8100  
[pendletonparksandrec.com](http://pendletonparksandrec.com)



## It is BIKE SEASON!

The Pendleton Adventure Trails Recreation Area (PATRA) contains 8 trails. The trails are made and maintained by volunteers from Pendleton on Wheels. For a map of the trails, please visit the [Trail Forks website.](#)



[PATRA Map](#) (PDF)

The non-motorized [River Parkway](#) is as popular with bicyclists as it is with walkers.

Pendleton also has a system of bike lanes and routes throughout town. On our maps page you can view the Parks & Recreation brochure or just a map of existing bicycle facilities.

Just outside of town are miles of country roads, but these can sometimes have narrow shoulders so please ride with caution. Check out the local bike club, [Pendleton On Wheels](#), for scheduled rides and events.



## Pendleton Public Library

502 SW Dorion Avenue Pendleton, Oregon 97801

**HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10am to 8pm**

**Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm**

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library. —Albert Einstein



## CRAFTERNOONS

Each Tuesday at 4:15

Be sure to pick up a schedule at the front desk so you can plan ahead for your crafternoons with Miss Jennifer!

Meet in the National Parks area at the Library, 502 SW Dorion Avenue  
No Registration Required. Ages 3-12



## THURSDAY STORY TIME

**Thursday, September 19 from 10:15am - 11:00**

All are welcome to attend though stories and crafts are tailored toward children ages 6 and under. WE ARE MEETING at Pioneer Park located at 400 NW Despain Avenue.

## OCEAN SENSORY STORY TIME & SHARK WEEK

**Friday, September 20 at 10:15am**

All ages are welcome to join Ms. Angel to touch, squish and make a mess you don't have to clean up! Sensory Story Time at the Library is the perfect opportunity to get your little one involved in hands on fun!

**Meet in the National Parks Area at the library!**



**BABY SHARK WEEK:**

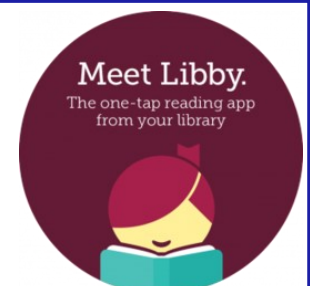
**SHARK PARTY on Saturday September 21 at 2:00pm**

Sing along to Baby Shark, listen to hilarious shark tales and make an ocean themed craft with Miss. Jennifer.

## LIBBY FROM THE LIBRARY

Learn how to download audio books & eBooks with the libraries FREE Libby App.

**Monday, September 23 at 6:00pm**



# VOLUNTEERS



## We Love Our Volunteers!

Pendleton is often cited for its unique community spirit. One doesn't have to look far to see programs and projects (and rodeos!) that are powered by citizen volunteers. The City of Pendleton has an awesome posse of over 300 individuals and 23 businesses and organizations that have committed to serve the community through the various departments of the city. Each year thousands of hours are selflessly given, supporting the work of city staff to enhance, expand and deliver quality programs and services.

The city recently invited volunteers who had served over the past year to enjoy an evening at the pool in appreciation of their efforts. Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers who joined in the fun!



## 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](mailto:tiffany.hegarty@ci.pendleton.or.us)

**10/31 Halloween Carnival:** Volunteers are needed to help set up and run activity booths for annual city hosted Halloween Celebration (Recreation).

**Oct - Jan Youth Basketball Coaches:** Youth basketball program needs coaches for Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions for fall, and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> starting in January. Previous experience is helpful but not a requirement - there will be a coaching clinic.

**ONGOING: Document Scanner:** Digital file archiving (Library, Administration, Community Development).

**NEW VOLUNTEER** Becca Phinney

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](#).

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



# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Fall 2019 | September - October



Registration Begins  
August 26th, 8:00 am

Click [HERE](#) to access the Autumn Pendleton Parks and Recreation Guide