



# PENDLETON

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

APRIL 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City Council surveyed the citizens of Pendleton and adopted four goals: sustainable infrastructure, increased economic development activities, development of “shovel ready properties”, and increased housing. Having made progress on all of these, they have recently been focusing their energy on sustainable road funding.

The need to fix our streets is not a new one. Over the past 15 years, we have tracked the condition of our roads using a computer modeling program that helps cities and counties manage their roads. The City received an updated report this past year which estimates we will need to spend \$41M over the next 10 years to restore our roads (\$4.1M/year).

### History

In 2005 it was reported that the City needed to spend \$12.7M over 6 years (\$2.12M/year) to restore our roads. A local gas tax initiative of \$.02/gal. failed.

In 2013 it was reported that the City needed to spend \$35.7M over 10 years (\$3.57M/year) to restore our roads. A local gas tax initiative of \$.05/gal. failed. Council initiated a monthly utility fee which currently raises \$438,000/year.

Over the past several months the Council asked me to tighten our budget to increase available road funding to \$1.2M/year without new revenues. The Council also hired an outside consultant to examine our street budget to make sure there were no unusual expenses that might be re-directed.

### Proposal

Because the Council is committed to a solution, they asked me to make a recommendation. I proposed the following: Immediately fund city street maintenance \$3M from the Urban Renewal District to complete road repairs in the district during the 2020 paving season (Reduces total 10 years need to \$38M), and

Ask voters to approve a \$.06/gal. the gas tax which will generate an estimated \$660,000 for road maintenance, and Eliminate the monthly utility charge \$5.30/month IF voters will pass a \$.07 gas tax which will have a neutral cost to the average taxpayer but will increase road maintenance revenue by \$332,000/year.

As staff considered how we might recommend sustainable repairs on our streets, we immediately recognized the potential for us to reduce the estimated \$4.1M/year costs of repairs. The computer model estimates repair costs. If a portion of the street has failed, the software estimates the cost of repairs across the entire street. We project that we can reduce the overall cost of road repairs by 25% using “surgical” repair methods; re-building only those portions of the street that need rebuilding. This would reduce the total 10 years need to \$28.5M, IF we use Urban Renewal funds, as proposed in #1 above.

Also, a significant number of the streets needing roadwork are also needing upgrades to the water and sewer systems. We have increased water and sewer rates over the past 5 years to make these repairs, which include the cost of repairing the roads after they have been opened up to replace the pipe. We are projecting that 25% of the cost of street repairs could be covered by water and sewer funds. This would reduce the total 10 years need to \$21.4M or \$2.14M/year.

### Results

If the City implements all of the recommendations in the Proposal portion of this report, we estimate that we would generate an additional \$992,000/year for road repairs. This increase on top of the current funds available for road repairs (\$1.2M/year) would increase annual revenue to nearly \$2.2M/year or \$22,000,000 over 10 years, to meet the projected need of \$21.4M.

More importantly, once the streets are repaired, the annual maintenance drops dramatically. An approved gas tax could have a sunset clause.

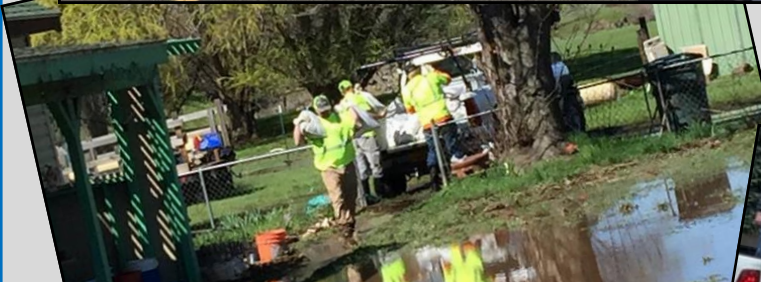
Lastly, when we look at the average number of miles we drive, the average number of gallons/mile of our cars, and the average number of cars/household, the cost of a gas tax to the average household would be just over \$5/month.

The Council will take this idea, along with others to the public and ask their preferences on how we should raise the revenues needed to fix our streets.



# THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY

The City of Pendleton is very appreciative to serve a community which responds to those in need the way our citizens did. The citizens of Pendleton showed their true character. It was estimate volunteers filled 60,000 sandbags over a two day period.





## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### April 16

PDC Meeting 6pm  
City Council 7pm

### May 7

City Council 7pm

### May 21

PDC Meeting 6pm  
City Council 7pm

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

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



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

## PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER

### April

18 <sup>th</sup>	*Farm Equipment Headquarters
17 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Commission Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	*St. Antony Hospital's Health Fair
23 <sup>rd</sup>	*BACA
23 <sup>rd</sup>	*Happy Canyon Foundation
24 <sup>th</sup>	*To The Point Collaborative
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27	Krazy Horse Quilt Show
30 <sup>th</sup>	(PCB) Silver Engravers & Raw Hide Braiding Classes*
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	*Pendleton Cattle Baron's Weekend*
	*Pendleton Home Buyer's Conference
	**City - Safety Class
	*SupplyWorks Trade Show*
	*IMESD - Crystal Apple Awards
	Hispanic Music Festival - Round-Up Stadium

### May

1 <sup>st</sup> ~ 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	



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

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

The City is dedicated to providing the best services possible, and one way that services are enhanced is through the efforts and support of several volunteer boards and committees.

The following vacancies are OPEN;

- Historical Landmark
- Planning Commission



If you would like to submit an application to serve on one of our many boards, committees or commissions please fill out the application ([found HERE](#)) and return it to [Donna.Biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:Donna.Biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us) or bring it to the Administrative Office located at 500 SW Dorion Avenue (above the library).

## EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS WITH THE CITY OF PENDLETON

[Public Works Department Seasonal Laborers](#)      [Seasonal Summer Openings](#)  
[Electrical Inspector](#)      [Youth Librarian](#)  
[Convention Center Laborer](#)      [Parks & Recreation Aides & Instructors](#)

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.

*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!

# VOLUNTEERS

## National Volunteer Month

April is officially National Volunteer Month, celebrating the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Established in 1974 by President Nixon as a National Volunteer Week, it expanded to the entire month of April as part of President George H. Bush's 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991. Each year it's an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing the volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.



The City of Pendleton has an incredible crop of volunteers – over 400 citizens who have made a commitment to serve alongside our staff for the benefit of our community. Throughout the year these volunteers give thousands of hours of service through projects and special events. In 2018 this donated time was valued at \$88,259 – an impressive economic impact! The City of Pendleton recognized and celebrated the many volunteers who are doing good in our community at the April 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

*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)*

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CURRENT:** Library check-in. Transports materials in from the library materials drop box (located outside the library) and from the front desk drop, and checks them back in using a computer and scanner. Also inspects condition of items and places them in the appropriate area for re-shelving or mending. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** **Mother Daughter Night** – Fairy Garden Party. Volunteers needed 5:15-9:00 pm to assist staff with set up and event activities.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** **Pendleton Public Library - Inventory.** The Library will be conducting an annual inventory of its over 48,000 volume collection. We are looking for volunteers who are able to pay close attention to detail as we check the location of every item in our system. The aim of this project is to discover how many items in our catalog are currently missing from the collection. 9:00 start, free pizza lunch!

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** **Annual Spring River Cleanup** - partnership with Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and East Oregonian. 9:30 a.m. at Stillman Park.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** **Home Buyer and Renter Convention.** This convention will provide attendees with an overview and resources on how to buy or rent a home. Some of the topics covered at the event will be credit management, financing available, how to qualify for a home, and more! It is a free event, with light food and beverages available at no cost.

Time: 5:30-8:30. Volunteers would come at 4:45. Volunteers would be a greeter, directing people where to go, welcoming people in and handing them a goody bag filled with informational materials. Volunteers are welcome to join in on the fun and may attend breakout sessions.

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

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

**Laurie Cantelon, Michael Cisneros, Jennifer Cross, Hunter Erwin**

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



## BIRTHDAY PARTIES IN THE GYM

The gym is a great place for kids to have some energetic fun with friends and family. Our Saturday birthday party program is very popular and can fill up fast. Avoid unpleasant weather and come inside to enjoy badminton, dodgeball, volleyball, or basketball. Play some ping pong, foosball, or pool. We have a great sound system too. We also have a bouncy house (add \$30), putt putt golf course (add \$10), Nerf Wars set up (add \$10), or Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (add \$10) available. The facility is exclusively yours during your rented time period. Please no early arrivals so that we can give equal service to all of our birthday guests. The last party of the day is popular for teen parties. If it is dark enough it makes for a great opportunity for glow in the dark activities such as a game of glow in the dark dodgeball in the gym. Call 541-276-8100 to book your party *today!*

*Ages: up to age 18 Fee: \$55 Location: Rec Center, Helen McCune Gym*

*Days: Saturdays Date(s): Year-round (limited time slots in the summer*

*months) Time Slots: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm 1:00 to 3:00 pm 3:30-5:30 pm 6:00-8:00 pm*



## ALL COMERS YOUTH TRACK MEET

Saturday, May 18th at 9:00am at Pendleton High School Track



Ages 18 Months to 12-years

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT: FAIRY GARDEN PARTY

Come spend a magical evening with us at our 6th annual Mother Daughter Night. This is an evening for you and your daughter(s) to come and spend time creating your very own enchanted fairy garden. We will get lost in our imaginations in the tiny world of fairies. The evening will also include games and yummy finger foods. Open to daughters grades K-8th. *Space is limited and will fill before our deadline so do not wait.*

In the Vert Club Room on Saturday, April 27. Register by Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm Fee: \$20 per person



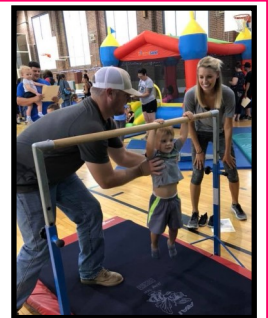
## TOT TIME AT THE GYM

Fun music and lots of play stuff provide the environment & you provide the creativity!  
Socks only on gymnastics mats please. Drop-in, no preregistration necessary.

Rec Center in the Helen McCune Gym.

Every Monday (except holidays) from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Ages: little ones not yet in school Fee: \$2 per child



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# PARKS VOLUNTEERING ADOPT-A-PARK

Each of Pendleton's 22 parks is adoptable. Some already have individuals or groups who take great care of them, while a few others are still available and ready to be adopted! Tasks include litter removal, pulling weeds, and more. Volunteers can commit to the amount of time each month that makes sense for them. Adopt-A-Park volunteers set their own schedule and time commitment. Pendleton Parks and Recreation provides all supplies.

Interested in adopting a park? Contact the Parks Department at 541-276-8100 or stop by the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Office at 865 Tutuilla Road.



## MEMORIAL BENCHES



Memorial benches are just one of the ways the City of Pendleton offers to recognize an organization or to memorialize a loved one. Benches may be placed in a City park, along the Pendleton River Parkway, in Olney Cemetery, or in the Memorial Garden within the cemetery.

*If you would like to place an order for a memorial bench, please call the Parks Office at 541-276-8100 or stop by the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Office.*

## PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Park shelters can be used without a reservation, but paid reservations take precedence. If it absolutely must be available for your event you'll want to [reserve online](#) or contact the Parks Office, 865 Tutuilla Road, 541-276-8100.

If you are planning a park wedding, parks are open to all as public spaces. However, we recommend that you consider reserving the nearest shelter to ensure privacy during your ceremony.

### [RESERVE ONLINE](#)

All parks shelters can be reserved using our online registration system.

Hours

Available from 7:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

### **Fees**

- **Shelters:** \$29 for the first two hours (\$17 rental fee + \$6/hour + 2 hour minimum = \$29) and \$6 for each additional hour.
- **Additional picnic tables** (up to four tables max and must be included and paid for with your reservation): \$30
- **Park Bag** (free with shelter reservation), includes volleyball, net, horseshoes, and more: \$6

### **Metal Detecting Permit:**

Now free, but you must go to the Parks Office to fill out the necessary form.

### **Park Shelter Cancellation Policy**

If cancellation notice is received 7 or more calendar days before the reservation date, a full refund will be given. If cancellation notice is given less than 7 calendar days before the event, your payment will be applied toward a future park shelter reservation within the same calendar year.



## ADULT SOFTBALL

Tournaments: Typically there are one to two tournaments each year, a spring kick-off and a late summer 2-pitch tournament.

Coed and Men's Leagues: Play from May-July. Coed 3-pitch is a 5 and 5 team format, and all league play has ASA-based rules. Register as a team. Games are played on fields 1 and 2 at Community Park.

**Weather Cancellations:** Decisions regarding weather cancellations will be made no later than 3:00 pm and team captains will be contacted by Jeff Hamilton. Team members should call their captains and not the Parks Office. **IF YOU DO NOT HEAR ANYTHING YOU SHOULD PLAN ON PLAYING.** At times we may be able to make the cancellation earlier and there will be times that the weather cannot be predicted up until game time, but we will make every effort to provide timely notifications. Open to ages 16+



# Pendleton Public Library

502 SW Dorion Avenue Pendleton, Oregon 97801

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

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

## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH PARENTING

The Library is hosting a month of child abuse prevention programs, Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

**APRIL 23: Human Trafficking In Our Community**

**APRIL 30: Internet Safety for Parents**

Meet in the National Parks Area, *no registration required*



## Triple P: Managing Fighting and Aggression

**Saturday, April 20 at 2:00pm**

Triple P Discussion Groups. Lunch provided. Discussing topics in parenting.

Meet in the National Parks area, 502 SW Dorion Ave



## Triple P Discussion Groups.

**Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:30am**

Discussing topics in parenting. Lunch Provided

Meet in the National Parks area, 502 SW Dorion Ave



## BEGINNER'S COMPUTERS

**Wednesday, April 24th at 3:00pm to 4:00pm**

Library Meeting Room, 502 SW Dorion Ave

Classes tailored to the needs of the students.

*Registration is required 541-966-0380*



## THURSDAY STORY TIME

**April 25 from 10:15am - 11:00am in the National Park Area**

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



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