

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Real Costs of Running a City

Recently, a proposed new City ordinance discussed introducing fees for parades. Why? Well, it has to do with keeping the marchers in a parade safe, and that generally involves bringing more police officers on duty. The true cost of doing this is somewhere in the range of \$1500.00 per event because officers need to be paid overtime when they are called in for



extra events. One thing the Council discussed was educating parade organizers on safer routes or different venues for public gatherings that don't require a police presence and might not require a parade fee. We are taking a thoughtful approach to the details of this ordinance and will try to find a solution that is neither heavy -handed nor prohibitive to new public gatherings.

Our public safety budget is currently sufficient to effectively control the existing events that take place each year in Pendleton, but with every new event comes a larger demand for more public safety services. One of the ways we can improve the Pendleton economy is through more tourism, and this usually means some kind of concert, large gathering, or performance that needs to be patrolled or monitored. One idea to help pay for the costs of putting on more tourism events is to have a surcharge on each ticket sold. Instead of a ticket surcharge, perhaps a new fee on beverage containers or other user fees would be more effective. Be prepared to hear more discussion of this idea by the Council in the coming year.

Besides public safety concerns, we need to address the true costs of our recreation programs. We currently only charge enough to pay about 20% of the costs of running recreational events. Expect this number to go up.

I have heard it suggested that ticket fees combined with new marijuana tax revenues could be a way to pay to fix our streets. I wish that were true, but the cost of repairing our streets is far larger than most people imagine. For example, we put \$100,000 from marijuana tax revenues into our street budget in the current fiscal year. While we expect these tax revenues to climb gradually for another year, they are difficult to estimate accurately (and State budget law requires us to budget conservatively). So, we can probably only budget an additional \$50,000 from marijuana taxes to go into our streets in the coming fiscal year (for \$150,000 total). You may remember from last month's newsletter that we need to spend at least \$700,000 more each year to begin a long-term process of improving our streets. We intend to gradually fix the street problem, and it is going to require a couple of decades and additional dollars.

Some citizens will say that we can run the City efficiently with the dollars we currently have. Even if we cut out Parks and Recreation, closed the Library and Aquatic Center, and reduced the number of employees that patrol our streets at night or fix frozen pipes in the wee morning hours, we still might not be able to solve the problem. The reality is that the cost of doing business, from the price of asphalt to the demands of PERS, is going up faster than increases in tax revenues.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 5 City Council 7pm March 19 PDC Meeting 6pm City Council 7pm April 2 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 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, March 4 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**#

8-10 am

WELCOME

The Parks and Recreation Department is happy to welcome Josh Nollmeyer our new Recreation Supervisor



Josh grew up in Savage Montana on sugar beet and spring wheat farm. He loved playing sports growing up and continued that into High School until he graduated from Savage High School in 2008.

He then went on to play football and study Exercise Science/ Recreation at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa; he would finish up his time at Dordt in the winter of 2012.

He worked various jobs to get experience in the recreation field and accepted his first full-time salaried position as a Recreation Coordinator for the city of Sheldon, Iowa. He married his wife Jocelyn on May 10th, 2014. Josh and his wife would spend just over three years in Sheldon and in the summer of 2017 the would move on to travel the United States as his wife was a traveling nurse.

He studied full-time to complete his M.S. in Sports Management. Upon the completion of obtaining his Masters last fall, he applied for the position which led him to Pendleton.

The Parks and Cemetery Department is also proud to announce the hire of Todd Kligel as our new Park Supervisor.



Born and raised in Pendleton, Todd graduatedfrom Pendleton High School and moved to Walla Walla where he attended college at Walla Walla Community College, then to North Dakota to attend Mayville State University where he played baseball.

Todd worked for a landscaping company in high school, while in college and for the past 9 years, so comes to the City

with a great deal of experience. Outside of work, he enjoys being active with his family and friends throughout Eastern Oregon.





Mayor John Turner, Commissioner George Murdoch, Sheriff Terry Rowan, Round-Up President Dave O'Neil, and BMCC VP Casey White-Zollman were in Salem on February 21 providing information to legislators about capital projects.

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The 15th annual Daddy Daughter Dance was held on Saturday, February 2nd, with another year of a sell out crowd of 675 fathers and daughters enjoying an evening of dancing to a rocking DJ, delicious snacks, and gifts for all that attended. The city sponsored event would not be possible without the time and efforts of volunteers working alongside staff to set up and decorate for the event, as well as helping to host the event in the evening.

Special thanks to all our volunteers that helped make the Daddy Daughter Dance a success for our community this year: Victoria Edmonds, Jutta Haliewicz, Paula Hancock, Dianna Melton, Brian Roe, Kiwanis, Pilot Rock High School Key Club, Pendleton High School National Honor Society, and Pendleton High School ASTRA Club.



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE





ONGOING VOLUNTEER NEED:

DOCUMENT SCANNER: Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration)

NEW VOLUNTEER

Tyler Bowman, Michael Cisneros, Kaitlyn Cook, Jennifer Cross, Azura Gaige, April Gilbo, Chris Garrigues, Daniel Headley, Ryan Sams, Rob Sewell, Timothy Stewart, Julie Taylor, Ailea Villanueva, Aaron Ware, Darin Wong, Kayla Wong, Amelia Word

Interested in volunteering but not sure where?

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 <u>HERE</u>.



Me and My Superhero Mother Son Dance 2019

Saturday February 23

You can purchase your tickets online or by calling the Parks Office at 541-276-8100.

CLICK HERE FOR: Mother Son Dance Tickets

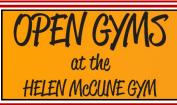
These events sell out and we do not sell tickets at the door Please be sure to purchase one ticket per person. That's one Ticket for the parent and one ticket per child.



GET OUT OF THE HOUSE and hit the gym! Crazy good fun for your littles ages 5-7 years with our indoor soccer program at the Rec Center. We will be kicking the ball Monday nights beginning at 5:30 p.m. Our "goal" is to have small teams that will practice for the first half of practice and scrimmage the last half. We will conclude on our final evening with a round-robin mini tournament. T-shirt included. Coaching volunteers needed. Call 276-8100 if interested in coaching.

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





Wednesday Nights Starting February 6th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Recreation Center 510 SW Dorion. High School ages and Up. Drop in Fee is \$2 Policies and Procedures will be provided at the Rec Center and will share expectations on behavior and authority of Staff. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook and the Parks and Rec website. <u>https://pendletonparksandrec.com/open-gyms</u>

City of Pendleton Parks are now Tobacco-Free!

Pendleton Parks and Recreation is excited to join other Oregon park systems in becoming 100% tobacco-free. This policy supports our mission to promote healthy lifestyles and environments for residents and park visitors in Pendleton.

Tobacco-free parks promote healthy living, and this new policy reflects the Pendleton Parks and Recreation Department's mission: Working hand-in-hand in our community to provide excellence in our

Parks and Recreation facilities and activities for a more livable, natural and healthy Pendleton. For more information, see our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>page on the Tobacco-Free Parks tab.



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PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER

February	25 28	2A Basketball Volunteer Appreciation State 2A Basketball	
March	1 & 2 5 6 8 ~10 12 ~ 14 16 18~20	State 2A Basketball City of Pendleton Safety Training Youth Leadership Conference Pendleton Gun Show and Eastern Oregon Sportsman show Tri State Regional Healthy Soil Conference Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet Oregon Child Development Coalition	Pend

Visit us online: <u>www.pendletonconventioncenter.com</u>

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

In 2018, the City of Pendleton processed 799.7 million gallons of wastewater. The City produced 544,870 kWh of power though solar and cogeneration, produced and spread 372 dry tons of biosolids (aka Fertilizer), saw a 3% power consumption reduction and a 1% natural gas consumption reduction. We filled 384 2.5 yard dumpsters with garbage out of the sewer system and received 1.14 million gallons of septage from haulers.



The RRF crew has plans and projects in motion to continue the downward movement of power and natural gas consumption. The RRF crew is working hard to maintain the cogeneration system operation, which is run entirely off methane gas produced at the plant. This system produced just shy of 300,000 kWh.

Last year, the crew made a 2019 goal to break this production record. The cogeneration system is also used for heating the digesters and buildings at the plant, which cuts down on the natural gas usage. HVAC control upgrades started in December should wrap within the next month and also produce a good savings for next year. The RRF crew is currently brainstorming ideas on how to increase FOG receiving, methane gas production, and other plant process changes to increase the efficiencies of the plant.

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;

- Parks and Recreation Commission
- 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 (<u>found HERE</u>) and return it to 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

<u>Communications Coordinator</u> <u>Youth Librarian</u> <u>Part-time Judicial Judge</u> <u>Convention Center Laborer</u> 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.

Pendleton Public Library 502 SW Dorion Avenue Pendleton, Oregon 97801 HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10am to 8pm Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm

Library Director, Jennifer Costley

Please meet Jennifer Costley, who started with the City as a Youth Services Librarian moving up the ranks to Assistant Library Director and recently was promoted to our Library Director.

Six years ago when Jennifer was hired as the Youth Services Librarian her dream was to travel the United States working in one rural library after another.

Pendleton was always supposed to be the first stop on a greater journey, but by the end of her first three months here, she was in love, both with the town and the library.

She's enjoyed getting to meet young families through children's events, work with volunteers who are passionate about giving back to the library and of course, she likes to party really hard at the library Prom which, she assumes, you will all be attending this year Saturday, June 8th.





DIY: ANYTIME CARDS

Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00pm Teens & Adults. Registration Required. In the Library Meeting Room. Come learn to make a variety of cards to be used for anytime occasion or note!

Triple P Discussion Groups: Interrupting

February 26 at 2:00 pm. No Registration Required. In the National Parks Programming Area. FREE for parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old. Learn useful tips for dealing with your child's problem behavior. Lunch provided.





BEGINNER'S COMPUTERS

February 27th 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

FEBRUARY 28TH at 10:15am- 11:00am

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





Monday, February 25th at 6:00pm

No Registration Required. National Parks Programming Area. Come learn why YOU should be improving your memory and your motor skills with fun games. Single-Step Swing is a versatile dance suited to a variety of tempos and music genres. This dance is the simplest of all dances to learn. It can be quick and full of energy, or smooth and graceful.



Salsa — When you hear that spicy Latin music, don't just wish you could dance-learn how! The basic steps of salsa, including merengue and mambo, lend themselves well to the small dance floor.

Pendleton Parks & Rec

Tuesdays March 5, 12, 19, 26 DANCE Single-Step Swing **DANCE Basic Social Dance**

6:15-7:15 PM 7:30-8:30 PM

Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16, 23 **DANCE Salsa** DANCE Night Club 2-Step

6:15-7:15 PM 7:30-8:30 PM

Register online at www.pendletonparksandrec.com or go to the office on Tutuilla Road Fee \$24 per person / no partner required Held in the Club Room of the Vert, entrance off SW 4th Wear comfortable shoes that allow for turning steps.

Night Club 2-Step is a slow, romantic dance that has gained popularity for its smooth motions and graceful appearance.



April Dyntera Dance Instructor Private and group lessons sundancers@reagan.com (541) 310-0389

PARENTS' H OUT

WHEN Friday, March 22 6-10 PM

WHERE Rec Center. Helen McCune Gym

FEATURING Arts & Crafts • Fun Activities Games • Treats • Movie • Pizza

REC STAFF Our PPR staff will be there to lead and quide your kids through all of the events.

REGISTRATION FEES APPLY

\$12/kid registration \$15/kid Day of/Drop-off

KIDS' AGES

We are excited to offer this event to kids ages 3 years and older. Must be potty-trained.

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5:45 - 6 PM Drop off 6-6:45 PM Activity 6:45 - 7:15 PM Pizza 7:15 - 7:45 PM Arts & Crafts 7:45 - 8:15 PM Games 8:15-10 PM Movie & Treats

REGISTER Register online or call us at

541-276-8100 to register your kids today! https://pendletonparksandrec.com/

Please join us March 4th, 2019 from 10:30-11:45 at the Pendleton Library in the National Parks Programming Area for a presentation by Dr. Anton Alder, ND on why a good nights sleep is so important to your health. You will leave with practical tips for improving your sleep.

Dr. Alder is a licensed Naturopathic Physician

