



PENDLETON

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January 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we all get used to writing "2017" on our documents, there is also a feeling that something new is in the air. We continue to appreciate the solid foundation provided by our outgoing mayor and city councilors, while we welcome a new city council made up of experienced leaders and administrators.

I moved into my new office this past week, and during that process I could not help but reflect on the many great things that are happening in Pendleton. The Chamber of Commerce started a new *Leadership Pendleton* class last week and will host the *First Citizens Banquet* on January 20th. The Pendleton Downtown Association works hard to improve our downtown core while *Travel Pendleton* is working with other key partners to bring more tourism to town. At the top of the list is the UAS range and events at the airport. Revenues from the UAS test range have changed the entire perspective of the airport, moving it from a money loser into a profit center. Within a year there should be sufficient money flowing into the UAS test range that we can start financing some infrastructure upgrades needed to improve the range facilities and invest in better utility services for the industrial park.

Boutique Airlines picked the most difficult December weather in a dozen years to begin operations at the airport, but their planes have been mostly full. Their CEO even made a recent change to their refund policy, so if you were scheduled to fly and your flight got canceled due to weather, you may be eligible for a refund.

I want to thank our hard-working City employees for their professionalism during the recent period of sustained snow and cold weather. Some citizens, especially those who live on steep hills, have complained about the condition of their streets, but far more citizens have mentioned their admiration and respect for the long hours our City employees have worked to sand streets, fix frozen water lines, move snow, and provide normal City services. I don't know about you, but I am tired of shoveling snow off my driveway and am looking forward to warmer temperatures!

I also want to thank the dozens of citizen volunteers who support the City by serving on our numerous boards, commissions, and committees. In the next couple of months, the Fire Chief and I will be going to quite a few service clubs and civic organizations to talk about the need for a new fire station. If you would like for me to come and talk to your organization about current events or policy issues, just give me a call at 541-966-0310.

Let 'er Buck!

John Turner

COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 17

City Council 7pm
Council Chambers

February 7

City Council 7pm
Council Chambers

February 21

City Council 7pm
Council Chambers

FOR A FULL LIST OF MEETINGS VISIT

<http://www.pendleton.or.us/>

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| John Turner | Mayor | 541-922-8605 |
| John Brenne | Ward 1 | 541-276-2778 |
| Neil Brown | Ward 3 | 541-276-3407 |
| Jake Cambier | At Large | 541-969-2252 |
| Paul Chalmers | At Large | 541-276-7111 |
| Becky Marks | Ward 1 | 541-276-9147 |
| McKennon McDonald | Ward 2 | 541-969-3345 |
| Scott Fairley | Ward 2 | 541-240-1825 |
| Dale Primmer | Ward 3 | 541-240-1117 |

CITY OF PENDLETON

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| Administration | 541-966-0201 |
| Airport | 541-276-7754 |
| Attorney | 541-966-0206 |
| Convention Center | 541-276-6569 |
| Community Dev. | 541-966-0203 |
| Facilities | 541-966-0207 |
| 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 |

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CITY COUNCIL

During the first City Council meeting of 2017, William Perkinson, newly appointed Municipal Court Judge, had the honor to swear in Mayor John Turner, as well as two new council members, Dale Primmer and Scott Fairley.

Mayor Turner served as a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1975-2003. He was President of Blue Mountain Community College, 2004-2013. He comes with much community involvement experience Port Commissioner, Port of Umatilla 2008-2016, Round Up City Development Corporation 2004-2016, Rotary Club of Pendleton 2003-2016, Oregon Solutions Convener for Pendleton Housing 2011, Columbia River Umatilla Solutions Team member 2010, Umatilla Army Depot Local Reuse Authority 2008-2014, Pendleton Housing Study Chairman 2016, Past Chairman of the Oregon Community College Association Board, Blue Mountain Community College Foundation –ex officio member.



Mayor Turner is married to Gail. They have a son, Barrett, who is married to Beth and a daughter, Hayley.

Dale Primmer elected council member representing Ward III.

Mr. Primmer is the Director of Umatilla County Community Justice (adult and juvenile Parole and Probation Departments). Once graduated from Western Oregon University, he was hired by Umatilla County Community Corrections as a Community Service Work Crew Supervisor. Over the years he was promoted through various Parole and Probation Officer positions as well as management until filling the role as Director in July of 2015.

Dale and his wife Brenda were married in 1998 after dating through both high school and college. They have one son, Alex who is 15 and one daughter, Aleece who is 12.



Scott Fairley elected council member representing Ward II.

Mr. Fairley is the Eastern Regional Solutions Coordinator for the Governor's Office. His past work has been as Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Public Affairs and Natural Resource Specialist: 2000 - 2007, Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Information Officer: 1997 - 2000, Living Heritage Tours, Co-Owner; 1993 - 1997. He has served his community volunteering with the Pendleton Planning Commission, 2006 - 2016, Pendleton Airport Commission, 2014 - 2016, Pendleton Budget Committee, 2005 - 2006, Pendleton Farmers Market, 2002 - 2005 and Pendleton Youth Soccer Association, 2002 - 2004.

Scott is married to Kimbra Cook, they have one son, Lieden Cook.



PROPOSED 2017-19 PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL GOALS

- ◆ Improve communications about the delivery of services to the community
- ◆ Increase economic development activities
- ◆ Increase availability of housing for all levels of income.
- ◆ Facilitate development of quality industrial, commercial, and residential lands and properties (new and existing)
- ◆ Support the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings
- ◆ Develop sustainable infrastructure funding for the construction, operation and maintenance of public buildings, roads and utilities
- ◆ Increase tourism as an economic development driver
- ◆ Create a community sports complex
- ◆ Maintain public safety to highest standards
- ◆ Work with Round-Up and Happy Canyon to expand capacity for current and future events
- ◆ Foster close collaboration with CTUIR
- ◆ Support a vibrant downtown

Each goal being valuable and important, the top four listed are those placed higher on the list of priority when a survey of 245 ballots were tallied.

Our Mayor and Council will be working together and with our community to develop and implement strategies for putting these goals into action.

PENDLETON POLICE

On December 9th Travis McMasters graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).



Travis and his wife come to us from Albany where Travis worked in agriculture. Travis is also a Petty Officer 2nd Class with the Coast Guard Reserve.

We also have two other additions to the



Department – Officer Nathan Bessette and his wife Carolyn welcomed their son, Finn on November 25th and Officer Cody Pieschel and his wife Hannah welcomed their daughter, Brooks on January 9, 2017.

COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Pendleton appreciates citizens who volunteer their time and energy to make our City a great place to live, work, play and visit.

If you are interested in volunteering on a *committee or commission*, please fill out a “Commission Application Form” on the A-Z Index on our website. www.pendleton.or.us

PENDLETON FIRE AND AMBULANCE

The Pendleton Fire Department wishes to thank the **Pendleton Eagles #28 Auxiliary** for their generous donation of approximately \$1,400 for the purchase of a King Vision video laryngoscope.



This life saving tool will allow our Paramedics to insert a breathing tube into a patients lungs quicker and more safely than traditional methods.



Thank you to the City employees who worked during the inclement weather to keep our community safe! A sincere THANK YOU to our Fire, Police, Public Works and Parks/Cemetery Departments for taking on the weather and keeping us all safe!

And to the MANY people and businesses in our community who worked countless hours to serve and protect our City as well, we **THANK YOU!**

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The City of Pendleton has established a dog park. Located on the north banks of the Umatilla River, Let'er Bark Dog Park is open to the public.

Dog owners will find public access from NW Carden Avenue, across from Pendleton High School. Parking is available along NW Carden Avenue.

The dog park offers a trash can, picnic table and rules regarding the dog park. The dog park is the only public area in the city which does not require dogs to be on a leash.

Once the weather breaks, the Parks Department will provide signage directing the community to the park, which is cannot be seen from the street.



COFFEE with the 
8-10 am CITY

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

This time is for the City Manager to meet with community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community. City Manager Robb Corbett invites you to join him for coffee and conversation.

CITY VOLUNTEER SKATING PARTY FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH 6-8 P.M.

City of Pendleton volunteers and their family members are invited to come take a spin at Roy Raley Ice Rink, reserved this night for our most generous citizens. Enjoy free admission, skate rentals, and hot chocolate. We'll have a blazing bonfire to keep you warm if you choose to watch from the sidelines.

Bring your family and enjoy a fun evening at one of our city's best winter outdoor gathering venues. (City of Pendleton Volunteers check in at concessions)



LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH? VOLUNTEER!



January is typically a time for reflecting on resolutions that make us healthier and happier, and research has shown there is one activity that provides proven benefits: volunteering! Scientists have linked a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression than those who do not volunteer. Volunteering also increases social interaction, helping to build a support system based on common commitment and interests – both of which have been shown to decrease depression. Similar to feeling good after a vigorous workout, when helping others volunteers experience the “Happiness Effect” that comes from a release of dopamine in the brain. So, the more you volunteer, the happier you become! No wonder hundreds of City of Pendleton volunteers gave over 3500 hours of their time last year for the good of our community. They know what's good for them — and now there is scientific proof.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- February 4 Daddy Daughter Dance: Volunteers needed to help decorate, host, and clean up.
- February 8-9 Kids in the Kitchen: Assist staff with youth cooking program
- May 20 All Comers Youth Track Meet: Help with registration and youth track events



WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Roy Jones, Annette Wilcox and Heather Wilcox.

UTILITY BILLING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Pendleton is offering a discount program for income eligible households on their water and sewer utility services. This discount does not apply to any additional fees including, but not limited to safety or street utility fee. The program will be administered through HELPING HANDS and is voluntary. If you choose to apply for this assistance you will need to provide all required information during the application process.

Please make an appointment with HELPING HANDS at 541-276-3418 to determine if you are eligible.

*The City of Pendleton will NOT determine eligibility. **All requests for The City of Pendleton Utility Billing Financial Assistance Program need to be directed to HELPING HANDS. 541-276-3418**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERY

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to welcome aboard Kathryn Brown and Brett Bryan to the commission. The commission is a seven member board appointed by the Mayor, serving a 4 year term.

The Parks and Cemetery will begin hiring for seasonal help to assist with grounds



maintenance and parks upkeep starting this spring. Those interested in the seasonal position should apply by filling out the online application

[[application](#)] or by picking one up at City Hall. Applications will



be accepted in the month of February and hiring for the positions will begin in March.

LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday 10AM to 8PM
Saturday 10AM to 5PM

Thursday, Jan. 19th @ 4:30pm

Join us for LEGO Speed Drills, Challenges, Races and a Prize Drawing. Ages 3-12. Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 24th @ 6:00pm

Heartfelt Crafts: Craft a valentine for your sweetie. Attendance is limited to 10. Call 541.966.0380 to register

Thursday, Jan 26th @ 6:00pm All Ages -No Registration Required Participate in fun family science activities including Keva Blocks, Little Bits, Snap Circuits, and STEM challenges

Weekly Computer Courses

Beginner's Computers Wednesdays at 3:00pm Please call to register 541-966-0380

Crafternoons

Tuesdays at 4:15pm All Ages Drop in for a different craft each week. Sometimes the craft will be a group effort and sometimes the craft will be an individual project.



EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT

On Wednesday January 11, 2017 the Airport hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Boutique Airlines.

Boutique Airlines provides direct flights to and from Portland. For scheduling information or to book a flight visit Boutique Airlines at www.boutiqueair.com

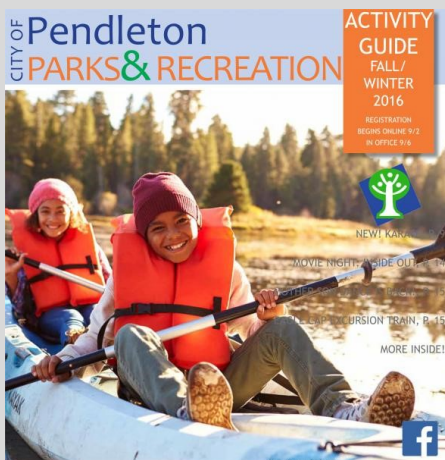


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ACTIVITY GUIDES AVAILABLE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Mother Son Dance The dance is Saturday, January 21st from 6:30 –9:30 at the Recreation Center. This is a mother and son dance for grades kindergarten through 5th grade. The night will be filled with excitement with a semi-formal dressed moms and sons dancing the night away. Price includes entry into the dance along with a photo of the night. Sign up today since the capacity of 200 couples fills up fast. Cost is \$12.50 per person.

Daddy Daughter Dance The dance is Saturday, February 4th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and is open to girls ages kindergarten through 8th grade. The fee is \$17 each for first couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. This special evening is held at the Convention Center. Snacks and refreshments including the ever popular chocolate fountain, a posed picture, a special gift at the.

Walking For Wellness Join us Monday – Friday in the classic Helen McCune Gymnasium inside the Pendleton Recreation Center. Walkers meet from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. The program is free due to the generosity of volunteer gym supervisors. Nice music, an out of the weather exercise environment, and smiling faces make this a rewarding habit to add to your day.