



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

November 2021

INFRASTRUCTURE

Since 2016, infrastructure, specifically street repairs, have been a major focal point for the Mayor and City Council. To address these concerns, we began with distributing a survey to the citizens of Pendleton. In addition, there were conversations with individuals and several meetings with civic groups to establish and prioritize goals for the Council. The result of that effort clearly revealed that streets were the top concern. That led the city budget committee to allocating significantly more money to the street budget to tackle a problem that had grown over multiple decades.

In 2016, the estimated backlog of deferred street maintenance had built up to a sum of more than \$40 million. The city had increased its annual funding for streets to \$1.2 million, but it was determined, even at that level of commitment, that the problem would continue to grow. The estimate to arrest deterioration and to see improvements so streets could reach “good” condition over a 10-year period was \$2.2 million annually. As a result, the City Council began a process of surveying and meeting with community members and civic groups, to identify funding sources that the community might support to raise the additional revenue to reach the annual \$2.2 million. The most popular responses were to impose a ticket fee for major events, to increase the hotel tax and to propose a \$.05 cent gas tax.

In 2019 those efforts began. A political action committee was established to support placing a gas tax on the ballot. Then came COVID. The closing of public gatherings, obvious impacts to local economies and shutdowns, made it clear that these options were no longer on the table. Over the next year our efforts related to increase street funding mostly stalled, waiting for that elusive “return to normal”.

In recent months the Pendleton Development Commission allocated \$10 million in Urban Renewal District (URD) funds to address street reconstruction in the district. This infusion of URD dollars released general street funds to be used outside the URD. This allowed the city to accelerate street repairs during 2021. The total amount of street repairs nearly tripled any year in our history with nearly \$3.4 million being spent on street maintenance and repairs. Looking forward, those amounts look to be \$5.7 million in 2022, \$4.5 million in 2023 and \$4.5 million in 2024. By the end of 2023, those URD dollars will have been spent and will require the Council to return to the conversation related to how much is needed to maintain our street infrastructure, giving the additional spending infused by the URD.

In the past few weeks, the Council has been reviewing goals related to infrastructure and has established the goals related to street condition. The decision was made to maintain our streets based on an objective evaluation tool called the “Pavement Condition Index” or PCI. The city has adopted the goal of maintaining its arterial, collector and residential streets in the “good” category. What is not known at this point, is what is the needed revenue to reach and maintain that PCI condition given the contribution of URD funds. In early 2023 the city will receive an updated Pavement Condition Index report based upon an assessment done in 2022. This report will demonstrate the effect of the increased spending and how much improvement has been realized by that additional spending. That data will reveal what is needed to continue to improve and maintain our street system. At this time, we do not know if any additional revenue will be received from the passage of the Federal Infrastructure bill.

Beyond streets, the city has also updated its goals related to deferred building maintenance. Currently, the city has deferred maintenance on buildings estimated at \$5.2 million. Council has asked our Facilities Department and our City Manager to itemize and prioritize those needs. The City of Pendleton has available \$3.4 million due to the American Rescue Plan Act stimulus funds covering other city needs, this will be allocated to this maintenance backlog. Once those repairs are made, the City Council has asked that 2% of each building’s value be set aside annually and budgeted for future maintenance. Regarding utilities, we have also asked city staff for a list of planned infrastructure projects currently slated for completion out of the city’s Master Plan. These projects are related to water, sewer, storm, the airport and the UAS test range.

Major improvements are being made in our local infrastructure. The amount of work we will see in the next three years will far surpass anything our community is accustomed to seeing and this will come with other challenges. What it takes to maintain our infrastructure over the long term is still an issue to tackle, but for the next couple of years, the city will be working at capacity to make the improvements based on current investments.

Submitted by
Dale Primmer, City Councilor

COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 16

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

December 7

City Council 7 pm

December 12

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
Steve Campbell	At Large	541-379-0130
Kevin Martin	Ward 1	541-969-6744
Carole Innes	Ward 1	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
Public Works	541-276-3078

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



2021 OVERLAY PROJECT

- Estimated Engineering Cost: \$936,073.66
- Contractor Cost: TBD

[Interactive Projects Map](#)

[List of Project Streets](#)

What work is being performed

- Grind and inlay with 2" of asphalt.
- Address ADA ramps to meet Federal ADA standards.
- Remove and replace curb & gutter to improve drainage, address the lack of curb reveal, or repair damaged curbs.

A few roadways will be completely reconstructed to address the subgrade failure.

Files:

[2021 Overlay Project Bid Results](#)

[2021 Overlay Street List](#)

2021 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT

- Status: Awarded
- Estimated Engineering Cost: \$107,488.15
- Contractor Cost: TBD

[Interactive Projects Map](#)

[List of Project Streets](#)

Why It's Needed

Slurry sealing is a relatively low cost pavement treatment that helps to preserve and prolong the life of the asphalt. Typically, a slurry seal treatment is performed following a crack seal treatment. Slurry seals help prevent and correct surface distresses caused by weather, water, and general pavement deterioration, by waterproofing the road surface and protecting the underlying asphalt surface from further deterioration.

Files:

[2021 Slurry Seal Street List](#)



JOB OPPORTUNITIES



ICE RINK ATTENDANTS are needed for the Pendleton Parks & Recreation Department.



Positions are responsible for opening and closing the ice rink at the Roy Raley Park, helping skaters, snow removal and general cleaning. Position requires the ability to handle money, provide good customer service, drive and perform basic janitorial duties. Hours include weeknights and weekends, approximately 15-20 hours/week. Some knowledge of ice skating is a plus, but not required. Wage \$12.00 per hr. Requires valid driver's license and ability to pass a criminal background check. For questions contact Jeff Hamilton at 541-276-8100.

PART-TIME RECREATION INSTRUCTOR is needed for the Parks & Recreation Department.



The position is responsible for the provision of safe, nurturing, well-supervised day programs, events, and other special programs. Duties will include supervising and engaging youth in daily activities; coordinating with parents, collaborators, and volunteers; assigning the work of Recreation Aides, and keeping appropriate records. Requires 2 years of training, education, or experience in childcare or education. Good interpersonal skills, ability to communicate effectively, work independent-ly, use a computer and drive are also required. Approximately 20 hours per week, primarily afternoon & early evening. \$15.50-\$17.95 per hour DOE, no benefits.

PART-TIME RECREATION AIDES are needed in the Parks & Recreation Department.



This position is responsible for helping to provide the community with safe and friendly access to the Pendleton Recreation programs. Duties will include: opening facilities, setting up for activities and clean up afterward, assisting with afterschool program, camps, birthday parties, movies and music in the park, facility cleaning, helping to ensure building security and lots of positive interaction with youth. Experience in childcare preferred, but not required. Dependability, effective interpersonal and communication skills are required. Must pass a criminal background check. Up to 20 hours per week, including weekends. \$12.00 to \$13.50 per hour DOE, no benefits.

TEMPORARY, PART-TIME LABORERS are needed at the Pendleton Convention Center.



The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for temporary, part-time laborers to work on an on-call basis at the Pendleton Convention Center. The position is responsible for helping with set up of tables, chairs, and other room arrangements, plus cleaning public restrooms, waste disposal and minor maintenance duties as needed. Experience in commercial custodial work or maintenance is preferred. Position requires walking, bending, stooping, and lifting. Must be able to work well with the public, assist with customer service needs during events, and be available for opening and closing building (odd hours/all days of the week). Requires valid Oregon vehicle operator's license and ability to pass a criminal background check. Salary is \$12.50-\$14.06 per hour, depending on experience, no benefits.

Applications for all jobs are available [HERE](#) or at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton OR 97801. Return applications with cover letter highlighting qualifications to Human Resources at the same address or human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. Open until filled. The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity employer.

THE WILDHORSE FOUNDATION + PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE SOMETHING BIG TO ANNOUNCE!

Attend **16** library story times between September 1st & May 30th and your family will receive a one year family pass to the children's Museum of Eastern Oregon for **FREE!**

Story times start at 10:15 am every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.



Pendleton Public Library

WILDHORSE FOUNDATION

Drop in from 4:30-5:15 to meet other LEGO fans and get your LEGO Loyalty Card stamped.

Attending 6 LEGO Club meetings will earn you one free mini-fig!



The library has plenty of LEGOS to work with.

STORYTIME

Wednesday & Thursday at 10:15 am

Both Wednesday & Thursday Story times feature the same books and activities.

All Ages welcome, however activities and books are geared toward children 6 and under.

And did we mention, the library also offers LOTS OF GREAT BOOKS for kids & adults!



CRAFTERNOON

Join us each Tuesday at 4:30pm in the National Parks Area at the library
Ages 3-12

The last Tuesday of each month will be a STEM themed Crafternoon with fun activities to challenge the mind and encourage a love for science, technology, engineering and math!



DID YOU KNOW...

The library offers **PODCAST?**

They do!

And they are **AWESOME!**

You can check it out [HERE](#) ~ where you'll find a list of past podcasts.



We want to thank the community, our staff, volunteers, and sponsors for a great Halloween!

This year, we had well over 1,100 participants at our FREE Halloween Carnival. Thank you to the 45 volunteers from PHS Leadership, PHS Astra, PHS NHS, Pendleton Kiwanis, Lost & Found Youth Outreach, Brain Roe and our sponsors CHI St. Anthony Hospital - Pendleton, Wildhorse Resort & Casino Windermere Group One, Roosters Country Kitchen, ISU Insurance Services - The Stratton Agency, Abby's Legendary Pizza, and Great Pacific.

OUR COMMUNITY IS AMAZING!



TEEN STEM CHALLENGE

DRONES! ROBOTICS! CODING PUZZLES!

AGES 13-17

***REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

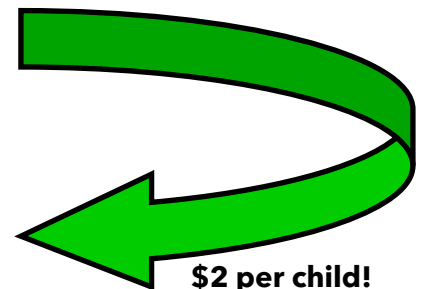
**COME TEST YOUR
STEM SKILLS FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN THE
GRAND PRIZE!**

**SATURDAY
NOV. 13TH
@ 1:30 PM**

Pendleton  Public Library



Check out this awesome set up to let your tots go crazy and burn off some steam! Tot time is Monday & Wednesday from 10 - 11am at the Rec Center



\$2 per child!

**"We must find the time
to stop and thank the
people who make a
difference in our lives."**

—JOHN F. KENNEDY

