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

A LOOK BACK, FLOOD UPDATE

In April of 2019, this city suffered from major flooding on McKay Creek that impacted 63 residential homes and caused an estimated $8.75M in damage. This was the third major flood on McKay Creek in 30 years. In February of last year, the Umatilla River flooded having much greater damage to private property and impacts on human lives.

The City continues to work with the County and other partners to fully recover from and protect against future flooding. We are examining our emergency response plans to improve our response to flooding, the next time this occurs. We are removing bottlenecks in McKay Creek to expand capacity for the creek to convey water and reduce the risk of flooding homes this Spring.

We are also working together to repair the damage done to the creek by the 2019 flood. Repairs include the "armoring of the banks" and making sure that the creek has the same capacity to move water, which has been reduced since the floods. Exposed stream banks make the stream susceptible to erosion which alters the stream channel. While this is a natural part of a healthy stream, we must protect against damages to private property. Our plan is to have these repairs completed within approximately 3 years.

The Umatilla River is a free-flowing stream and flooding occurs as unusual weather patterns occur. McKay Creek has a dam. McKay Reservoir Dam is operated by the US Bureau of Reclamation and was constructed to provide irrigation water, by holding water back to be released when needed by the farmers. It had the additional value of regulating stream flows during the spring runoff to protect private property owners below.

Decades ago, property owners created the McKay Creek Water Control District. The district is funded by property taxes and its purpose is to maintain the capacity of the creek to safely convey the irrigation water and protect against property damage. The reservoir is fed by springs and snowpack in the Blue Mountains. The creek eventually dumps into the Umatilla River in Pendleton. There is approximately 4.75 miles from the dam to the Umatilla River.

Recently, McKay Creek was listed as "critical habitat" for endangered fish. This listing virtually eliminated the ability of the district to maintain the creek as it previously had. Among other causes, we believe that the inability to do this annual maintenance has thrown the system out of balance, resulting in increased risk of flooding.

We are attempting to reduce the risk of future flooding, while maintaining the needs for irrigation water and the environment, by completing a basin study that would identify projects or processes that would enable these important functions to coexist with the protection of homes and private property. We hope this basin study will be funded by FEMA.

We realize we cannot guarantee that flooding will never happen again, but the City feels it is critical we commit to reducing the frequency and being better prepared when it does.

Robb Corbett

City Manager

COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 2
City Council 7 pm

March 16
City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

April 6
City Council 7 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 I	541-969-6744
Carole Innes	Ward I	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

COFFEE with the CITY
8-10 am

*Meeting will be via ZOOM
Information found under meetings.*

Umatilla County is listed as "extreme risk"

City offices are closed to help efforts in slowing the spread of the virus.

Here is a list of phone numbers to assist you, as we are till working it just looks differently with some employees working from home.
You may also log onto our website, see below

WATER BILLING	541-966-0207
COURT	541-966-0209
COMMUNITY DEV.	541-966-0203
PUBLIC WORKS	541-966-0202
ADMININSTRATION	541-966-0201
LIBRARY	541-966-0380

WWW.CITYOFPENDLETON.COM

NEW WEBSITE

In an effort to evolve and provide the most user friendly interactive website, the City of Pendleton recently updated it's webpage. We have worked many hours to create a user friendly, interactive site.

Like most things technology, we've done our best, however we do find hiccups with links and information from time to time through our own use. We are working diligently as an organization to minimize these issues and would invite you to let us know if you find any!

Also, if there is something you feel should be on the site, we've maybe overlooked or perhaps wasn't even on or radar, we'd like to know. If you would shoot a brief email to Donna.Biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us we'll see to it that the information, updates and recommendations are delivered to the right department.

You may access your new City Webpage here: pendleton.or.us

VOLUNTEER CORNER

ONE YEAR LATER

This month marks a year from the tragic floods that affected so many in our community. Last February our town woke to flood waters that had ravaged many areas of Pendleton. The response was immediate – citizens rolled up their sleeves and asked what they could do to help. Over the following weeks and months several hundred volunteered their time to assist neighborhoods clean up in the aftermath. The response to the need was overwhelming, but not surprising. Pendleton is a generous community, and one that responds when called.

This year has reminded us time and again how much we need each other. The City of Pendleton has a volunteer program in which citizens can apply to be on call when needs arise. Interested in being one of these community helpers? Apply today. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve".

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.

NEW VOLUNTEERS: Hawthorne High School

Sorry, we're CLOSED

As a safety measure against the spread of Covid-19, the Pendleton Public Library along with City Hall is has extended our closure.

Curbside Delivery remains available as well as Mystery Packs. There will be no browse appointments or computer appointments during this time.

*Subject to change according to enhanced community quarantine guidelines.

Please call 541-966-0380 for Curbside Delivery

PENDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

LIL' BUCKS TEE BALL

BOTH DIVISIONS ARE CO-ED
4 TO 7 YEARS OLD

Minors (4-5)

Emphasis on:
Teamwork
Sportsmanship
Players learn proper throwing and hitting techniques
Catching and fielding
Beginning rules of the game

Majors (6-7)

Emphasis on:
Teamwork
Sportsmanship
Learn every position
Catching of flyballs
Rules of getting out and more advance rules

$50 Per Child

Sign Up Now
Registration Deadline is March 30th
Season Starts April 6th, 2021
Opening Day is April 17th

*Helmets Required.
Available to purchase for $20 from Parks and Rec, or you may purchase elsewhere.

WANTED VOLUNTEER COACHES AND HELPERS

www.pendletonparksandrec.com (541)276-8100
865 Tutuilla Rd, Pendleton Oregon

MYSTERY PACK MENU

Want something to read or watch, but not sure what? Let our talented staff do the work for you.

Step 1: Click the link beside this post and fill out the Mystery Pack Request Menu

Step 2: Wait for the library to call and let you know your specially curated selection of materials is ready.

Step 3: Drive to the library. Park your car and dial 541-966-0380 to let staff know you are there.

Step 4: Open your trunk and wait for staff to deliver your books to your vehicle.

Have you tried one of our Mystery Packs yet? Mystery Packs are a great way to sample library materials during the closure. Fill out the form HERE so that we can get a taste of your reading and viewing preferences and library staff will curate you a special collection of recommended reads.

City of Pendleton

DATE: February 17, 2021

City Manager Robb Corbett 541-966-0201

FLOOD RISK UPDATE

Pendleton, Ore. — The City of Pendleton is performing daily monitoring of the conditions which could lead to flooding along the waterways inside the City.

<u>There is currently no flooding predicted in the foreseeable future</u>.

Given the amount of snowfall we received over the past several days, it is likely we will see local flooding of streets caused by melting snow overwhelming the City's stormwater systems. Citizens can help by clearing storm drainages.

If you see street flooding please contact the City of Pendleton or Umatilla County Dispatch at 541-966-3651

SIGN UP FOR ALERTSENSE

City of Pendleton is using a comprehensive emergency alert and notification system powered by AlertSense.

- Emergency Alerts
- Severe Weather Warnings
- Community Notifications

AlertSense enables us to issue emergency alerts to warn citizens of events such as severe weather, fire, flooding, hazardous materials, need for immediate evacuation, civil danger, local area emergencies, and missing persons. The AlertSense platform also enables us to issue service alerts containing critical information from the City of Pendleton regarding temporary utility service interruptions, street closures, and project updates.

This service is provided free to our residents and is easy to sign up. Anyone in City of Pendleton and surrounding areas can register to receive these messages.

We urge all individuals and businesses to register to ensure that we can alert you in the event of an emergency, or temporary interruption of service that could impact you and your family.

Sign up today HERE and share the types of emergency alerts, severe weather warnings and community notifications that you would like to receive, as well as your contact information and preferences (eg: text message to your cell phone, email, call to your land line phone number). Registration is especially important for those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number, have an unlisted phone number, or who have changed their phone number or address within the past year.

In order to receive personally relevant alerts and notifications, enter your home or work address so that we can send geographically targeted messages. Any information you share will remain private and will only be used to deliver the emergency alerts and community notifications to which you subscribe.

Emergency alerts sent from City of Pendleton, Oregon will come through with the following Caller ID displayed: (541)-215-4610. If you would like to hear the last alert you received repeated, simply dial the Caller ID number back.

"Stay positive. Better days are on their way."

—Unknown

You can protect yourself and help stop the pandemic by getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

Getting vaccinated against COVID is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

Oregon Health Authority

covidvaccine.oregon.gov   Text ORCOVID to 898211   Call 211