

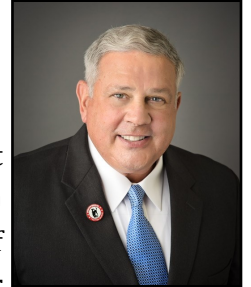


PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

January 2021

Hello to a New Year



On January 5th, we swore in a new City Council and Mayor who were approved by voters in last May's election. Sally Brandsen (Ward II), Kevin Martin (Ward I), and Dale Primmer (Ward III) were elected for four-year terms. Steve Campbell was appointed to fill out the next two years of Paul Chalmers' recently vacated at-large seat, and I was given a second mayoral term of four years by the voters. We are all fully aware of the significant challenges ahead of us in 2021. Our four city goals remain unchanged with the most prominent goal of fixing our streets remaining the top priority, followed closely by more housing, expanding the economy, and developing new attractive parcels of commercial and industrial land.

Standing in front of the four city goals is a more immediate and important problem to solve: getting our COVID infection rates down to a level where we have a chance to reopen our restaurants and small businesses, get our children back in the classrooms, and hold our annual large tourism events. Right now, our County COVID positive test rate is more than double the rest of the state's, and the virus is prevalent throughout Umatilla County, wherever there is a concentration of people. The roll-out of the vaccine is encouraging but is taking longer than we want. Umatilla County Public Health has taken over the lead from our two hospitals, and as of January 9th, 1780 residents of Umatilla County had been vaccinated. On January 7-8, UCPH held two very successful mass vaccinations at the Pendleton Convention Center where hundreds were vaccinated. Right now, the greatest unknowns are (a) when and how many new doses will arrive, and (b) who will be vaccinated in the next phase.

St. Anthony Hospital expects to get about 430 doses of the vaccine by January 22nd, which should be enough to give a second dose to those already vaccinated between December 28th and January 5th. When new supplies arrive, we need to figure out who has priority. There is a growing call to vaccinate our teachers and critical workers next so we can get our schools open and keep our grocery stores and transportation systems working. Oregon has formed a Vaccine Advisory Committee that is building a plan to determine who gets the next shots.

Oh yes, you may recall that 2020 was an extremely divisive and emotional Presidential election year. Given the conservative nature of Eastern Oregon, I know that many of you were disappointed in the outcome. Hopefully, none of you joined the mob assault on our Capitol and Congress on January 6th. It is now very clear that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be legally sworn in on January 20th and I hope you will join me in deciding to work with our new Administration in a constructive, established, and legal manner. We all don't have to agree on every issue, but we can all make progress on some issues.

More gets done when we decide to work together, and that will become critical in 2021 as we try to beat COVID and get our economy and schools open. Hopefully, we will look back on 2021 with positive memories. Best wishes to all of you for a successful year in 2021!

John Turner, Mayor

COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 19

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

February 2

City Council 7 pm

February 16

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



COFFEE with the 
8-10 am CITY

Meeting will be via
ZOOM

Information found under meetings.

Umatilla County has been directed under the Governor's order to PAUSE

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 still 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
ADMINISTRATION	541-966-0201
LIBRARY	541-966-0380

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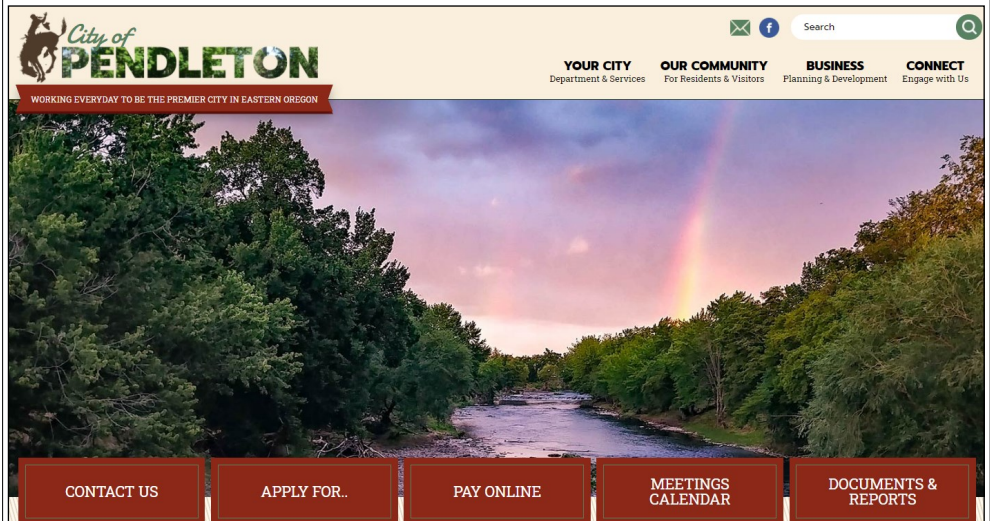
NEW WEBSITE

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 SPOTLIGHT

REFLECTIONS ON A NEW YEAR

A new year offers opportunities to look ahead, and to imagine the possibilities of how we spend our time, our resources, and our efforts. Many of us feel shortchanged over our 2020 hopes, and are renewing our vision of what 2021 will hold with increased yearning for making it count.

Here at the City of Pendleton we typically review our volunteer program at the beginning of each year, marking successes and challenges, program impacts, community participation, and hours served. We measure statistics against prior years, and generally have seen a positive increase across all areas in the 10 years the City's volunteer program has been keeping records. In 2020 that trend could be disputed – after all, our numbers show a decrease in almost every category we track. Only half of the departments that utilized volunteers in 2019 had volunteer placements, resulting in a 58% reduction in volunteer activity and a drop of annual volunteer hours by 67%. In 2020 the City welcomed 17 new citizen volunteers, versus 83 in 2019.

Statistics don't always tell the true story. The reality of 2020 was that through many challenges our volunteer program actually thrived! Despite a national pandemic and the mandates that were enacted to keep our community safe and healthy, City of Pendleton volunteers were still a shining example of how the support of generous citizens enable the city to leverage its resources for the benefit of our community. Proof includes the 191 community members who served 955 hours helping the residents of Riverside clean up after the February floods, the almost 300 hours logged by library volunteers who honored their commitments despite sporadic City Hall closures, and the two education professionals that helped lead a new Day Camp supporting students during distance learning. The Parks department continued to have support from volunteers who helped keep City parks and parkways maintained and free of litter – an outdoor, socially distanced “safe” volunteer activity. While many programs and events had to be cancelled, volunteers were there to make sure that ones that could go forward were successful. Volunteers continued to be a vital part of not only our organization in 2020, but to the wider community it serves.

Looking forward, we have high hopes the new year will see a return to all the regular activities and programs the City of Pendleton is proud to offer, welcoming back the generous citizens that volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of all of us who call Pendleton our home.

MLK DAY – WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?

On Monday, January 18th, the City of Pendleton joins the nation in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, honoring the life and achievements of the influential Civil Rights leader. It is the only national holiday designated a “national day of service”, encouraging all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. During this time when individuals, families, and our community struggle not only with the effects of Covid-19 but the challenging circumstances compounded by the pandemic, Dr. King's words have a special importance. “Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”

Here are five ideas to consider on MLK Day:

Send a note of gratitude to essential workers in our community

Walk your neighborhood and pick up litter

Donate to a local food pantry

Check in with your neighbors – especially the elderly and vulnerable – ask to pick up groceries, do yard work, or just chat over the phone to provide connection.

Schedule a time to donate blood. The American Red Cross says there is a severe blood shortage due to an “unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations” during the pandemic.



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](#).

It's 50 degrees and we STILL have ice! You betcha! Come on down to the Ice Rink at Roy Raley Park, we are open daily Noon - 8pm!



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Pendleton Parks & Recreation Department is currently seeking an enthusiastic, high energy candidate to fill a Utility Worker position. Are you our person? For more information & an application by following the link [HERE](#)

PENDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION

2020 Day Camp

Monday - Friday 7:45am - 3:30pm



Now

\$50 Per Week

Thanks to the generosity of local anonymous donor and a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation



Located at the

Recreation Center

To Register, call 541-276-8100 or visit us online at pendletonparksandrec.com

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



Dealing with Disobedience

Parenting Class via Zoom

Friday, January 29th @ 10:30am

A parenting class by Triple P through the Pendleton Public Library to help parents learn tips and tricks for dealing with disobedience.

Saturday, January 16th @ 3pm

ON FACEBOOK LIVE

POP CULTURE

Trivia

For Teens and Adults

Join your Library Heroes on Saturday, January 16th at 3:00pm for **FACEBOOK LIVE TRIVIA EVENT**

POP CULTURE

Follow this link to the Library Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/pendletonpubliclibrary



Umatilla County Public Health

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Pendleton: 541-278-5432 Hermiston: 541-567-3113

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Website: www.ucohealth.net

 www.facebook.com/umatillacountyhealth



For Immediate Release: January 12, 2021

Press Release: Umatilla County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Sixty-first death presumed to have COVID-19 reported in Umatilla County; fifty-four new cases identified in Umatilla County

Umatilla County Public Health (UCo Health) recognizes community concern surrounding COVID-19. We are working with multiple health agencies and community partners to disseminate accurate and up-to-date information.

UCo Health is saddened to report that an individual presumed to have COVID-19 has died. Counseling and crisis support services can be accessed by calling Lifeways at 866-343-4473. Interpretation services are available. We encourage everyone to be respectful as a family in our community grieves.

Umatilla County’s sixty-first death presumed to have COVID-19 is a sixty-three-year-old female who died December 27th at her residence in Umatilla County. The death certificate listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause of death.

We recognize that we are in a very abnormal situation with an unknown endpoint and as such, increased stress, fear and anxiety among Umatilla County residents is to be expected. UCo Health encourages Umatilla County residents to continue to prioritize your physical and mental health during this time. Watch for common signs of distress (e.g. changes in appetite, difficulty concentrating, difficulty sleeping, worsening of chronic health problems, increased use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, etc.) and seek help if needed (you can contact the SAMHSA helpline at 1-800-985-5990). During this time, it is very important to continue to minimize and/or eliminate large gatherings. Please remember to remain at least six feet away from others.

UCo Health now reports fifty-four new cases of COVID-19 in Umatilla County. We are in contact with these individuals and are conducting intensive contact investigations in accordance with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) investigative guidelines.

COVID-19 in Umatilla County update 01/12/2021

Total Cases	Confirmed	Presumptive	Deaths
6421	6111	310	61

A presumptive case is someone who does not have a positive PCR test -- a “Polymerase Chain Reaction” that confirms if a person has COVID-19 -- but is showing symptoms and has had close contact with a confirmed case. If they later test positive by PCR, those will be recategorized as confirmed cases.

It is imperative that any person who is exhibiting symptoms of respiratory illness stay home. UCo Health continues to discover instances where individuals are continuing to work while sick. Now, more than ever, it is important for businesses to ensure that employees are not coming to work sick. Employees may feel internal and external pressure to work through mild illness. Businesses are encouraged to develop flexible leave policies to support employees who become ill and establish procedures for sending employees who are not feeling well home. Anyone who is exhibiting any symptoms of respiratory illness must stay home from work for 24-hours after all symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, etc.) have resolved.

We are asking our Umatilla County residents to please call 211 with your questions regarding COVID-19. If you are exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your primary care provider FIRST to discuss the next steps. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.

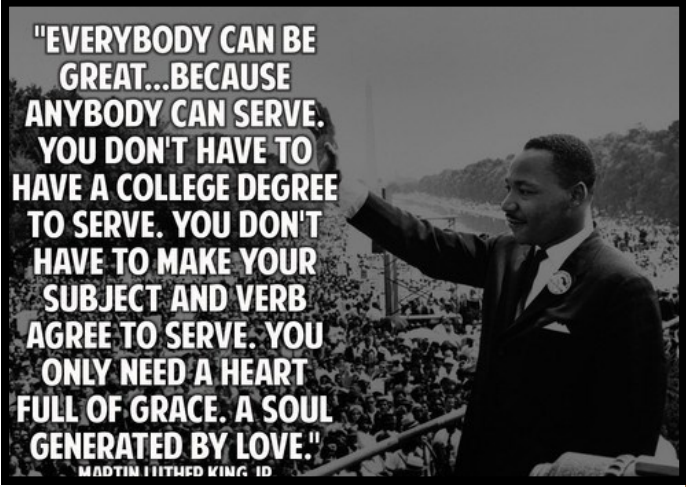


**"DARKNESS CANNOT
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ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
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LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 18 marks the 35th anniversary of the federal holiday in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday. Signed into law in 1983 and first observed in 1986, the holiday is a deserving tribute to King for advancing civil rights and social justice through non-violent protest.

Many honor the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King by doing acts of kindness in their communities as an expression of coming together for the better good of our communities.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING ID