



# PENDLETON

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

**MARCH 2021**

## **Working to Open Pendleton**

On Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Umatilla County was able to move from a COVID status of “Extremely High Risk” to “High Risk”, and this allowed a limited opening of indoor dining, fitness centers, and other small businesses. On Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Pendleton City Hall opened its doors after months of our employees working remotely. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, our K-12 students will begin to attend their classes in a hybrid pattern. The task now is to continue to reduce our test positivity rate so that we can further reduce our risk status and get to the point where we can safely hold large tourism events.



Most of you are aware of the tremendously positive impact that large tourism events have on the economy of Umatilla County. The loss of the State 2A basketball tournament (our second largest event after Round-Up) this year is significant. At the end of April, we will host the annual Cattle Baron’s Weekend and I applaud the work of the CBW Board in planning a safe, responsible way to bring hundreds of people together. We all need to work together to set the conditions so our K-12 students can return to their classrooms full-time and we can hold other large annual events like Bike Week, Music Fest, and the Round-Up.

What should you do? Well, first get vaccinated when you have the opportunity. While Umatilla County Public Health has efficiently administered every dose of vaccine it has received, I have heard reports that they are seeing a slight decrease in people interested in getting the shot. Second: keep wearing a mask. We aren’t sure if we can spread COVID even after being vaccinated, so mask-wearing is going to be with us for a few more months. Third: continue to keep your distance at work and in social environments. It is probably safe to socialize with friends who have received a complete vaccination but try to limit the size of your events. Finally, get tested and encourage everyone you know to get tested. Why? Because we need more negative test results to be recorded, thus driving our test positivity rating down and allowing our County COVID status to move downwards towards a safer rating that allows more events. St. Anthony Hospital has been sponsoring free mass testing events every Monday morning at the Convention Center.

We are heading in the right direction. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony Hospital reported that it had not had a COVID patient hospitalized for about 10 days. This is good news and we need to keep doing smart things to reinforce this trend. Get your shot, wear a mask, and keep your distance until we beat this virus back to a safer level. Getting tested will help ensure we can hold those extremely important tourism events on the schedule.

John Turner  
Mayor

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### March 16

City Council 7 pm  
PDC Meeting 6 pm

### April 6

City Council 7 pm

### April 20

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



**COFFEE** with the   
**8-10 am CITY**

Meeting will be via  
**ZOOM**

Information found under meetings.

# CITY HALL IS OPEN!



We are ready to serve our citizens! If you have a question or need to contact us, you may now come to City Hall, phone or *log onto our website*, see below

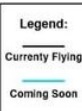
<b>WATER BILLING</b>	<b>541-966-0207</b>
<b>COURT</b>	<b>541-966-0209</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEV.</b>	<b>541-966-0203</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>541-966-0202</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>541-966-0201</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>541-966-0380</b>

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## VOLUNTEER CORNER



### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Umatilla County Board of Realtors**

When the City of Pendleton restarted its Adopt-A-Park program in 2014, the Umatilla County Board of Realtors was one of the first businesses to sign up. Since that time they have committed over 45 hours to helping keep McKay Park a space for everyone in the community to enjoy.

#### **What motivated you (the group) to volunteer with the City of Pendleton?**

As a Board, we are always looking for ways to give back to our community. Our wonderful parks are a big part of the quality of life and we as Realtors are often at the forefront of promoting the benefits of living here. This is a great fit for us.

#### **What do your volunteer activities involve?**

Each month we walk all around McKay Park, picking up litter and large branches and debris as well as checking the dog waste dispenser and refilling the bags if necessary. We notify staff if there is anything that should be brought to their attention.

#### **What makes this volunteer experience a meaningful use of the**

#### **groups time?**

This improves our community.

#### **What do you think is (was) the impact of your volunteering at the City?**

It's a group effort to keep a community a place you want to live. Everyone should help in their own way.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS:** Rex Knight, Nathan O'Daniel, Amy Smith, Tim Smith

**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](#).

## CURRENT OPENINGS ON CITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

The City of Pendleton offers many opportunities for citizens to volunteer and serve in the community. Currently we have openings on the following committees/commissions;

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATIONS COMMITTEE** Is looking for applicants that have a background in history, architecture, architectural history, archaeology, or related fields or have demonstrated a POSITIVE interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation.

Members need to have these qualifications to maintain Certified Local Government standing with the State Historic Preservation Commission. This opens door for the City and its citizens to obtain grants, assistance, recognition, and recommendations: for example the Main Street grant.

**AIRPORT COMMISSION** - (Ordinance No. 2493) 11 members: no more than 5 non-residents, 3 may reside more than 20 miles from the city. 3 year terms; expiring in December of each year; 2 ex-officio members: Airport Manager & Mayor. No more than 3 expire each year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** - Provided by State law. Consists of Mayor, Council Members and 9 citizen members appointed by City Council; 3 year terms; expiring in December of each year.

If you are interested in serving on one of the above committees or commissions please fill out an application [FORM HERE](#) Send the completed application to [Donna.Biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:Donna.Biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us) or mail to

Donna Biggerstaff 500 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton Oregon 97801

**"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD."**

- Mohandas Gandhi

# THE CITY OF PENDLETON HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE;

Click the below job title to arrive at the description page for more information

[AIRPORT MANAGER](#)

[PART TIME CUSTODIAN](#)

[RECREATION LEAD](#)

[RECREATION AIDES](#)

[ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR](#)

[PARKS & RECREATION AIDES & INSTRUCTORS](#)

[PART-TIME SEASONAL PARKS & CEMETERY RESTROOM ATTENDANT](#)

[OFFICE SPECIALIST 3 POSITION WITH THE CONVENTION CENTER](#)

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.

Job Applications must be submitted for all positions, find application [HERE](#)



## OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY CHI ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL

# FREE DRIVE-THRU COVID TESTING



**WHO** | EVERYONE! This clinic is open to everyone - whether or not you have symptoms or have had an exposure. The more people who come through to get tested, the better!

**WHAT** | FREE Self-Administered COVID-19 testing. No insurance or doctor's order needed

**WHEN** | Mondays in February (except Presidents' Day)  
February 1st, 8th, 22nd  
9am to Noon

**WHERE** | Pendleton Convention Center Parking Lot  
1601 Westgate; Pendleton

**WHY** | The more COVID-19 tests we can administer in our community, the quicker we can help get the pandemic under control

**HOW** | Sign up online at [www.DoINeedACovid19Test.com](http://www.DoINeedACovid19Test.com)  
OR just show up (no appointment needed)

Hang up if you get a call about the vaccine that asks you for your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number. **THAT'S A SCAM.**



For more tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a COVID-19 vaccine scam visit [www.oregonconsumer.gov](http://www.oregonconsumer.gov)



Oregon Department of Justice  
Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum

**FREE Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing** at the Pendleton Convention Center. This event is open to everyone - you can come with or without symptoms or exposure. The more people who get tested, the better! Appointments preferred but not necessary. **Make an appointment at [www.doinedacovid19test.com](http://www.doinedacovid19test.com)**

# After being inside all winter, aren't we all ready to be **OUTSIDE!**

Pendleton's parks system, which includes 22 public parks and 20 landscaped areas are ready to welcome everyone back!



## Heading **OUTSIDE?** Take your books along for the ride!

Learn to download **FREE** eBooks & Audiobooks using your Pendleton Public Library Card.

**Date: Thursday, March 18th**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/92372824427?>

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Meeting ID: 923 7282 4427

Passcode: 6vURjz

PENDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

# LIL' BUCKS TEE BALL

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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

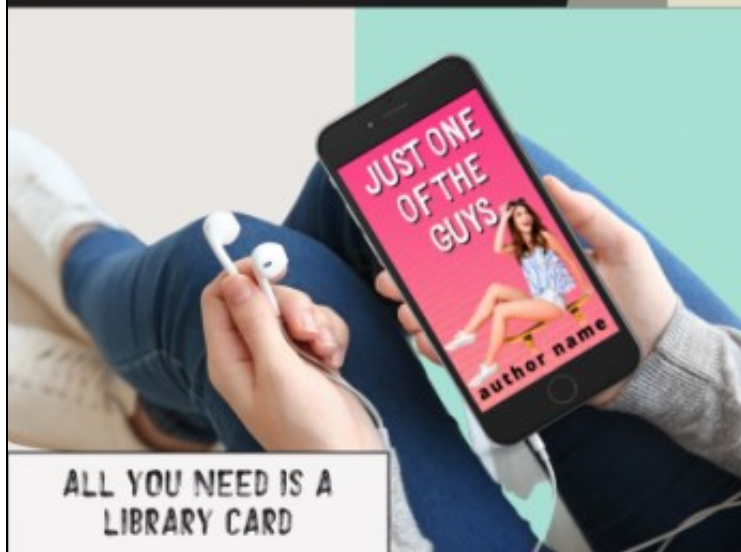
\*Helmets Required.  
Available to purchase for \$20 from Parks and Rec, or you may purchase elsewhere.

**WANTED  
VOLUNTEER  
COACHES AND HELPERS**

[www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com) (541)276-8100  
865 Tutuilla Rd, Pendleton Oregon

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