

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

October 2021

#### **How to Measure Progress**

Using public input, the Pendleton City Council established four goals for the period of 2021-2022: (1) increasing the amount of housing for all income levels, (2) expanding Pendleton's economy, (3) fixing our infrastructure, and (4) improving communications. I want to talk about how we intend to measure success for goal (2), expanding Pendleton's economy.

The first thing we want to measure is the strength of airport revenues. In 2016, the first year of the UAS (unmanned aerial systems) test range, the airport had revenues of \$372,000. Our revenues grew to \$954,000 last year and we are predicting \$1.1 million in the current fiscal year. The airport is debt-free and received money from the 2020 CARES Act to build another two hangars, fix taxiways, build new UAS test pads, renovate the terminal building, and buy new heavy equipment such as a snowplow and a front-end loader.

The next thing we measure is the growth of the value of single-family homes. This will tell us if property taxes are rising and lets us know if Pendleton is keeping up with statewide trends in housing values. In 2017-18, home values increased 6%. They grew by 4.5% in 2018-19 and by another 17% last year. We expect home values to increase by another 25% in 2021-2022.

We also look at new commercial-industrial permit values, which show us the amount of new construction taking place. In 2019, we had \$5.7 million in new permits, which grew to \$8.9 million in 2020, and in the first half of 2021, the new permits totaled \$9.9 million.

We try to monitor the number of unfilled jobs by polling our 12 largest employers. As of April 2021, more than 500 jobs were standing open in Pendleton. The need for a larger workforce is one of the reasons we are working so hard to get more affordable housing units built within our city limits. We want to reduce this number of unfilled jobs over the next couple of years.

Business license revenues are an indicator of economic activity. By the first day of September (before Round-Up), we were at \$164,601, which is more than we collected in all of 2020, and about equal to what we collected in 2019.

Why did we choose these five things to measure? Mainly because we can get accurate numbers for them without tasking the city staff to spend hundreds of hours searching for information. We think we can get a decent snapshot of our local economy if we measure these five areas and combine them with the number of new housing units. The Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Association also keep numbers on how businesses are doing and we will watch those economic indicators as well. So far, 2021 is shaping up to be a very encouraging year for Pendleton's general economy.

John H Turner

Mayor of Pendleton

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

October 19

City Council 7 pm

November 2

City Council 7 pm

PDC Meeting 6 pm

November 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 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

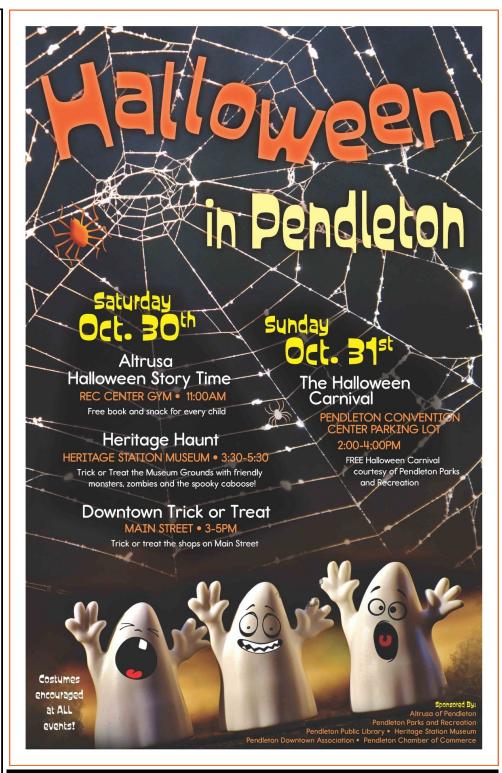
500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR











Hey there park goers! We are getting ready to winterize our bathrooms. Starting tomorrow, only heated restrooms will remain open. These include Grecian



Heights South restrooms, Community Park restrooms, and restrooms along the Riverwalk.

## YOUR WATER BILL

The City of Pendleton has nearly 5,800 utility customers.

Utility Bills are typically generated on the 15th and mailed by the 20th. *Payment is due by the 10th of the following month.* 

City customers can pay your bills online by visiting: <a href="www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor/utilities">www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor/utilities</a>. We have posted instructions for registering your account on the website.

If you have any questions on how to access your account, please contact us at (541) 966-0207 and we would be happy to assist you.

#### **Online Payments**

Register your <u>account online</u> to make payments using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or a debit card. You can also sign up for recurring payments. View your account information such as consumption history, transaction history and account details.

#### **Auto Pay**

Auto Pay is a free automatic payment deduction from your checking account that makes paying your utility bill easier than ever. Fill out the Auto Pay form by clicking here. We ask that





Call 1-877-386-6122. This system accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and debit cards. You will need your account number that is located in the billing detail section on the front side of your bill as well as your house number (For example: 500 SW Dorion, you would enter 500)

#### Text2Pay

The City has implemented a Text2Pay option for our utility customers. Once signed up for Text2Pay, customers will receive a text message when they have a new bill available to pay. Simply reply "Pay" to make a payment with your saved payment method. To sign up for Text2Pay, please call 1-877-386-6122 and select option 4.

#### Pay By Mail

City of Pendleton, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801

#### Pay In Person

Payments can be made at the Finance counter located on the second floor of City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue during the hours of 8:00A.M - 5:00pm Monday - Friday. After-hours drop boxes are located outside of City Hall and at Pendleton Safeway.

#### **Payment Arrangements**

Payments are due on the 10th day of the month. Your account becomes delinquent within 25 days of billing date. The city will mail a delinquent notice to initiate the shut off process. If you have received a delinquent notice and still need an additional payment extension, please contact our office to make payment arrangements.

#### **Payment Assistance**

The City provides dedicated funds to Helping Hands for actual payment assistance. To find out if you qualify for this program you will need to contact them directly at 541-276-3418.

#### **Returned Payments**

Payments that are returned from the bank for any reason shall be considered non-payment. The full amount on the account will become due immediately along with a processing fee.

#### **Non-Payments**

A disconnect fee will be charged to all accounts shut off for non-payment



## OB 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, wellsupervised 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 LEAD is needed for the Parks & Recreation Department.



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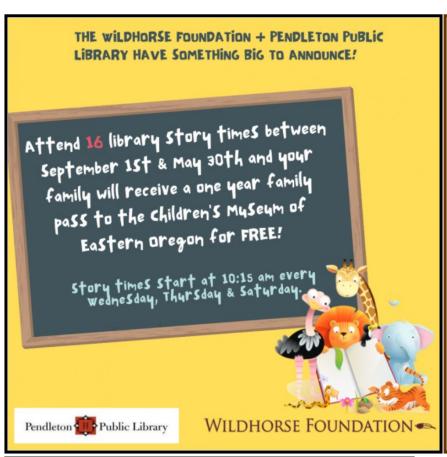
#### **PART-TIME RECREATION AIDES** are needed in the Parks & Recreation Department.



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.

**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 <a href="mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us">human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us</a>. Open until filled. The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity employer.



## 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!



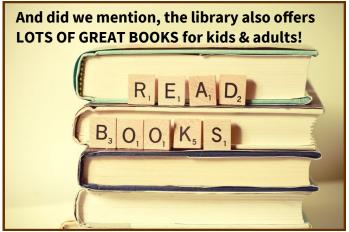
The library has plenty of LEGOS to work with.

## 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.



## 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!

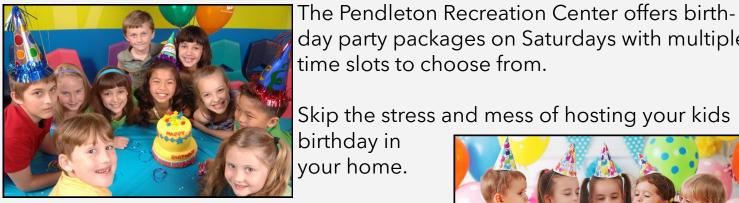
## **DID YOU KNOW...**

### 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.



### **BOOK YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE REC CENTER**



day party packages on Saturdays with multiple time slots to choose from.

Skip the stress and mess of hosting your kids

birthday in your home.

Call our office at 541-276-8100 to book your party!



## LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL \$55 PER PERSON TUESDAYS, 6 - 8PM STARTING NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021 AT THE NET CENTER HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LEARN THE FUN GAME OF PICKLE BALL? THE NORTH EAST TENNIS CENTER IS HOSTING A 4 WEEK CLASS ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS.

### **HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR** KIDDOS UP FOR THE AFTER **SCHOOL PROGRAM?**

Don't wait! With activities, games, and an afternoon snack each day for just \$50, this program is a great option for safe, nurturing, affordable after-school care.



Register HERE

541-276-8100



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

