



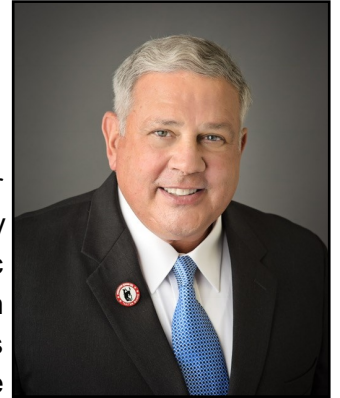
PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

April 2022

Elite Taxi and Uber in Pendleton

For at least 40 years, Pendleton has been served by Elite Taxi. It is difficult for smaller American cities to have a full-time taxi service, and Elite Taxi has been the only company to maintain a cash rides business and be able to bid on contracts to provide City Public Transportation services in Pendleton. Elite bids for and has been awarded contracts with the City to provide the drivers and maintain the fleet and routes of subsidized taxi rides (taxi tickets), ADA rides, Carerides and Dial-a-Ride services to many members of the community who can't afford cash fare rides for their transportation needs.



A couple of months ago, a small group of Uber drivers requested that the City allow them to operate alongside with Elite Taxi. A number of citizens have come forward supporting this request. A significant number claim that Elite Taxi is unresponsive to calls for service or it takes more than an hour for a taxi to show up after a call. Elite Taxi also has a large number of loyal customers who praise them for the reliable "dial-a-ride" program and service to people with disabilities. Uber supporters are often a bit younger and more technologically attuned.

The City Council has been discussing how we might regulate "vehicles for hire" (Uber) while wondering if competition with Elite Taxi might drive them out of business. Elite Taxi has been willing to compromise with Uber and share some hours, but they warn that if Uber is allowed unlimited hours, it will place them in danger of being unprofitable and possibly closing. Officials from the Uber organization have told the City that they don't allow limits on their drivers' hours.

The State of Oregon gives municipalities the authority and responsibility to regulate vehicles for hire and to protect the public interest. Protection of the provision for public transportation, rather than promotion of free enterprise, is mandated by the State (ORS 221.485 and 495). So, while the City Council seems interested in allowing Uber to operate, it is also concerned that Uber will put at risk the highly desirable services offered by Elite Taxi. Uber isn't responsible for the amount of service it might provide (if any) and yet Elite Taxi is responsible for providing specific services almost around-the-clock.

No decision has been made at this point, but I predict the Council will approve some sort of trial period to determine if Uber and Elite Taxi can co-exist. A trial period of about five months has been discussed, which would take us past the large summer tourism events and Round-Up week. A decision could be made as early as April 19th.

John Turner,

Mayor

COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 19

City Council 7 pm
PDC Meeting 6 pm

May 3

City Council 7 pm

May 17

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/>

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CITY OF PENDLETON

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Fire	541-276-1442
Library	541-966-0380
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Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



PUBLIC WORKS



The water division of Public Works will be installing a new water main in the 100 block of S Main St, beginning Monday, April 18. This project will impact traffic for 10 days.

Work will begin with the water main connection at the intersection of SE Court Street and Main Street on the 18th, and crews will then move north along the east side of South Main Street.

During the work day, both northbound lanes of Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic, but crews will make every attempt to keep the sidewalk along the east side of Main open for pedestrians during the construction. At times, the pedestrian ramp across S. Main Street will need to be temporarily closed.

There will be no parking along the east side of the 100 block of Main Street during the project, and there will be one day when Main St in the 100 block will be closed entirely for a service line installation.

The project should be completed by Wednesday, April 27.

After the water main installation through the block is complete, crews will make arrangements to make the connection in the intersection of SE Byers Avenue and S Main Street, likely the first week in May.

PENDLETON REGIONAL AIRPORT



Hello from the airport where it is sunny right now, but was snowing sideways ten minutes ago. Spring is here and aviation ops are ramping up!

Two pieces of good news from the airport - the first is the Terminal remodel will begin in earnest on May 5th. Do not fret, Boutique will still be flying three round trips a day out of a temporary facility right next to the Terminal. Elvis's will stay open until the kitchen remodels phase which will not happen until after Round-Up. Air Traffic Control will be uninterrupted, and the administration office will temporarily locate at the WWII Hangar.

The second newsy item is our Essential Air Services (EAS) contract renewal was moved from December 2022 to now. The Department of Transportation received one bid from Boutique. The new contract will be for another two years. Rebidding early allowed Boutique and other EAS providers to structure their bids to accommodate for some of the challenges of the industry today: pandemic-related travel habits, wage inflation, fuel costs, and supply chain issues.

John Honemann

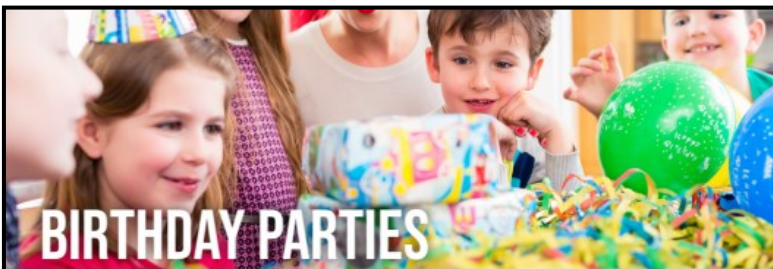
Airport Manager - Eastern Oregon Regional Airport & Pendleton UAS Range

AQUATIC CENTER GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE NOW!

- **Family Pass** Gift Certificates; Family of 2 \$108, Each additional family member \$18
- **Individual Pass** Gift Certificates; Youth Pass is \$56, Adult Pass is \$65
- **Swim Lessons** Gift Certificates; 1 Session \$50 (four sessions per season)



To order phone 541-276-8811 | Visit the parks office | 865 SW Tutuilla Road | Visit the webpage [HERE](#)



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate with us! The Recreation Center offers Birthday Party packages to help you throw your children a birthday full of memories! These packages book fast so make sure to plan ahead.

You will get 90 mins in the Helen McCune Gym and 45 mins for cake, ice cream, food, and presents in the Foundation Room.

The Base Package includes:

Basketball, hula hoops, jump ropes, scooters, indoor frisbees, indoor hockey or soccer (with goals), dodgeball, and cornhole. There are also tons more toys and equipment in our ball cage for your child's imagination to go wild.

All ages welcome

Saturdays only with 4 time slots to choose from

Located at the Recreation Center

\$60 base price (see below for upgrades)

Upgrades available:

Bouncy House: \$35 (for 7 years and younger)

Loft Rental: \$15 this gains access to our loft where we have pool, ping pong and foosball

Nerf Set Up: \$15, we will construct obstacles and boundaries for all the nerf fun (must supply own nerf equipment)

Party times:

Party 1 10:00-12:15 Party 2 12:15-2:30 Party 3 2:30-4:45 Party 4 4:45-7:00

HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHILDREN'S AREA UPDATE AT THE LIBRARY?

Former Sunridge Middle School Teacher Gayle E. Blek donated approximately one third of her estate to the Pendleton Friends of the Library.

The intention of her donation, to support children's reading programs and technology for those birth to 18.



Make time to stop by the Public Library to see the new Gayle E. Blek Children's Area.

**Pendleton Public Library
is located at
502 SW Dorion Avenue**



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!

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.

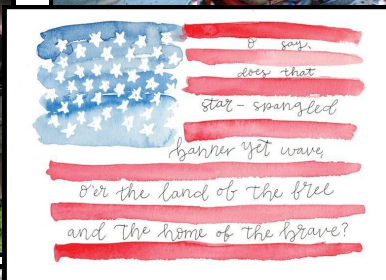
STORYTIME



Make plans to BE HOME for the 4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY EVENT

Kick off your celebration of the 4th of July by attending the annual parade at 10:00 am! The parade begins at City Hall and will make its way to Roy Raley Park for more family fun. At Roy Raley Park you are invited to enjoy the 4th of July Community Event where you'll find games for the kids, races, corn hole, a kids' bike/scooter parade contest, and more! Food will be available for purchase or you can bring your own picnic lunch! For a full list of activities and more details, visit www.pendleton.or.us. All games and activities are free to the public and will take place until 5:00 pm.

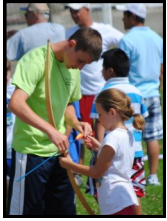
More details will be shared as we get closer to the event!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES



PART-TIME RECREATION LEAD POSITION



The City of Pendleton is seeking to fill a part-time Recreation Lead position for the Parks & Recreation Department. Position is responsible for the provision of a 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 independently, 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. Applications are available

at [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.

SEASONAL OFFICE SUPPORT



The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a self-motivated, energetic, detail-oriented person with excellent customer service skills. The primary function of this position is providing front-line customer service at the Parks and Recreation Department Main office. Common duties include: Answering customer calls for the Parks, Recreation, Aquatics, and Cemetery divisions, disseminating basic public information, taking program registrations, making facility reservations, taking payments, and other basic office duties as assigned.

Pay is \$15-\$16.87 DOE. The first review of applications will be 3:00 p.m. on April 28th, 2022. Applications are available online at [HERE](#) or at City Hall Personnel office, 500 SW Dorion, or by calling 966-0201. Completed applications may be returned to the same address or to human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. Equal Opportunity Employer.

PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR



Applications are being accepted for a part-time electrical inspector. Must have a current OIC and Oregon SEI or A-level electrical certifications or be an Oregon licensed journeymen with a min. of 4 years of experience with the ability to be trained. Salary range is \$30-\$40/hr. DOE, no benefits. Applications are available [HERE](#) or at the Personnel Office, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801; (541) 966-0201. Open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN



Applications are being accepted for an Engineering Technician with the City of Pendleton's Community Development Department. Position performs technical and surveying work relating to public improvement projects such as streets, water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer systems. May assist or serve as the project manager on engineering projects; help to oversee construction projects/contracts for the installation and construction of public utilities and street improvements; prepare cost estimates and bid documents; resolve field engineering problems, and ensure regulatory compliance. Requires a degree in civil engineering, civil engineering technology, construction technology, or a related field. Experience in the field is preferred, but any satisfactory equivalent of education and experience may be considered. Additional progressively responsible experience in the construction or engineering field will determine placement. Requires experience with AutoCAD, and experience with Civil 3D is preferred. Must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a criminal background check. The salary range is \$3,963-5,557 a month DOE plus excellent benefits. Completed applications must be returned to human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. Applications are available [HERE](#) or at the Personnel Office, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801; (541) 966-0201. Open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications for all jobs are available [HERE](#) or at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton OR 97801.

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Join Pendleton Parks and Recreation
the Pendleton Tree Commission
and the Umatilla National Forest for an

Arbor Day Tree Give-away

Saturday, April 23, 2022
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
at Roy Raley Park

Free seedlings for:

- Mockorange
- Golden Currant
- Quaking Aspen
- Western Larch
- Gingko
- Northern Red Oak



This project is supported with funding from Oregon Community Trees

POPULATION	CITY/DISTRICT	\$/MONTH	RANK
662,549	Portland	\$303.66	1
70,285	Sweet Home	\$251.16	2
40,418	Lake Oswego	\$235.28	3
17,973	Lebanon	\$218.10	4
7,308	Philomath	\$206.30	5
57,238	Tigard	\$177.87	6
26,799	Woodburn	\$170.34	7
10,820	Monmouth	\$166.68	8
13,086	Cornelius	\$165.45	9
862	Adair Village	\$159.00	10
56,978	Albany	\$155.01	11
20,115	Sherwood	\$154.95	12
37,769	Oregon City	\$147.42	13
106,023	Bend	\$143.47	14
99,561	Beaverton	\$142.07	15
32,914	Walla Walla	\$140.98	16
35,427	McMinnville	\$136.29	17
10,600	Independence	\$130.49	18
110,982	Hillsboro	\$129.42	19
177,803	Salem	\$126.70	20
39,729	Keizer	\$122.20	21
26,835	Forest Grove	\$120.78	22
16,031	The Dalles	\$119.92	23
108,527	Gresham	\$118.05	24
58,630	Corvallis	\$113.99	25
64,078	Springfield	\$113.16	26
16,869	Pendleton	\$109.15	27
87,649	Kennewick	\$106.72	28
18,182	Hermiston	\$102.99	29
38,502	Grants Pass	\$102.79	30
1,150	Athens	\$102.00	31
11,558	Prineville	\$99.90	32
26,680	West Linn	\$99.78	33
1,230	Heppner	\$93.01	34
176,464	Eugene / EWEB	\$91.18	35
13,732	La Grande	\$90.00	36
23,793	Roseburg	\$89.98	37
7,625	Umatilla	\$87.05	38
35,439	Redmond	\$77.62	39
77,326	Pasco	\$73.89	40
7,114	Milton Freewater	\$69.62	41
59,609	Richland	\$69.05	42

AVERAGE: \$134.13

DID YOU KNOW?

Pendleton has very affordable utility rates when compared to other communities.

RATE COMPARISON
 Monthly rate based on 1300 cu. ft. of water, and includes the flat rate charge for water, storm, and wastewater utilities.

Pendleton's rate of \$109.15 per month for 13 units (9725 gallons) makes it the 27th lowest rate for cities surveyed.

Utility rates are set to address existing levels of service, capacity upgrades for current and future levels of service, and aging infrastructure. Rates vary from community to community to address their specific needs, and for Pendleton are only established at a level to provide effective and efficient service.

QUESTIONS?
 Visit us on the web at pendleton.or.us/pw/
 or call
541.966.0202



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 Public Works Department**
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 Pendleton, OR 97801