



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

January 2022

LIFE IN PENDLETON THROUGH THE EYES OF A MINORITY



Most of us have a favorable opinion of life in Pendleton, with its low crime, good schools, spacious parks, and friendly neighbors. Because of Pendleton's growing economy, we are attracting a lot of new workers to town, many of whom are minorities. If we hope to continue to grow, Pendleton has to be the most welcoming rural community in the Northwest.

A couple of months ago, City Councilor McKennon McDonald and I were asked to meet with a small group of highly skilled and well-paid minority workers. Imagine my surprise when they told me how uncomfortable many of them were as they encountered unfriendly, perhaps even hostile citizens and businesses around town. These workers were very happy with their professional job experiences and wanted to keep doing business here, but they sometimes had experiences that made them believe Pendleton is not a very friendly social environment.

While a few reported outright racist behavior like name-calling and snide remarks, most talked about how just moving through a mostly white population seemed to highlight the difference in their skin color. It seems that sometimes we do things to call attention to people who are different. For example, most of them told a story of how all conversation seemed to stop and heads turned in their direction when they stepped into a restaurant. Another talked about being followed around a retail store by a store employee. Many choose to stay in their motel rooms or apartments at night because they just didn't feel comfortable in our bars or restaurants.

I think we all believe we are better than this. Of course, there will always be a small section of citizens who will never accept people who don't look like themselves, but most of us are different. When I tell this story to people I know, they are shocked. Several members of your City Council have discussed how we might improve the experiences of our minority workers. One thing we are going to do is get them more involved with the life of Pendleton. Pendleton thrives on volunteers, so we are going to invite minorities to join our service clubs and try to make them aware of other opportunities to volunteer around town.

I am writing this column simply to make you aware that this problem exists. In the coming months and years, we're going to see a lot of new faces around town, in our shops, our restaurants, our schools, and our religious institutions, and this is a good thing for our economy. As Mayor, I am calling on all Pendletonians to go out of their way to make newcomers to our city feel welcome. Pendleton is going to need to be the warmest and most welcoming community in the Northwest, which should not be hard for a city that is known for its legendary hospitality.

John H Turner, Mayor

COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 18

City Council 7 pm

PDC Meeting 6 pm

February 1

City Council 7 pm

February 15

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

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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
Public Works	541-276-3078

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



SOLAR LESSONS FROM PENDLETON, OR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 | 6:00 PM | ZOOM

Pendleton, OR is a small city that packs a big punch when it comes to solar and energy efficiency. Learn more about how the city is leading OR to a clean energy future!

**SPECIAL GUEST: BOB PATTERSON,
PENDLETON PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR**

Presented by:



SOLAR LESSONS FROM PENDLETON, OR

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/pendletonsolar>

- Date/Time: Thurs, Jan 20th @ 6 PM
- Event Description:

Pendleton, OR is a small city that packs a big punch when it comes to solar and energy efficiency. In 2006, when solar was rare everywhere, Pendleton Public Works Director Bob Patterson led the charge to install a large system on a municipal water filtration plant. Shortly thereafter, he and Energy Trust of Oregon representative Susan Badger-Jones kicked off a series of Solarize Pendleton campaigns that would last for years. In the fifteen years since, Pendleton's early passion for solar has culminated in over 7 MW of installed solar; an innovative hydroelectric generator attached to an Aquifer Storage and Recovery system; and widespread local adoption of solar and energy efficiency--all this in a city with a population of 17,000.

Come hear the Pendleton solar story, and gain insights into how your community can lead in renewable energy adoption. Speakers include:

Bob Patterson - Since 2003, Mr. Patterson has been the Public Works Director for the City of Pendleton. He is responsible for administrative and leadership oversight in directing work assignments, construction and maintenance efforts, and overall completion of projects. The Public Works Department consists of Administration & Fleet Division, Sewer Division, Streets Division, and Water Division for a total of 35 employees. The operating budget for the Department is just over \$17,000,000 annually, with over \$20,000,000 in capital projects slated for the current fiscal year. Bob was the recipient of the Top Ten Leader of the Year award from the National American Public Works Association in 2016.

Susan Badger-Jones— as former Eastern Oregon Outreach Manager for Energy Trust of Oregon, Susan helped the City of Pendleton implement a highly successful Solarize Campaign, putting 388 kW on roofs of local homes and businesses. She has also worked with successful Solarize Campaigns in Union and Wallowa Counties, coordinated numerous Green & Solar Home tours and served on Solar Oregon Board. She now lives in La Grande and consults on Energy Planning for Wallowa County.

Please join the nonprofit Solar Oregon in an interactive webinar to hear the remarkable energy story of Pendleton, Oregon. Thanks to Energy Trust of Oregon, for supporting this event.



PENDLETON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



The available workforce, which is closely tied to housing availability, continues to be a huge challenge for Pendleton employers. The Umatilla Unemployment Rate is at 4.5%, which is slightly above the national and state average, but still very low. A recent poll estimated there are over 1,000 open jobs in town.

Fifty-two percent of our workforce, over 4,400 people, commute to work in Pendleton each day. Of those commuters, 43.6% are commuting more than 10 miles and 34.8% commuting more than 25 miles each way. Those long commutes affect employee quality of life and thus create a threat to our employers if similar jobs were open nearer the employees' homes.

To ensure we maintain healthy employers and a healthy local economy, it is incredibly important that we get more workforce living here in Pendleton, which is why so much emphasis is being placed on new housing.

There is a new single-family subdivision being built over the hill from the hospital, and there are reportedly 20+ homes sold before a shovel has gone in the ground. Every new townhome or apartment complex that gets built almost immediately fills.

In January, there is a 204-unit apartment complex scheduled to break ground below BMCC. The demand for new Pendleton housing is much higher than most people realize, and that is with little to no marketing. All this new activity is bringing interest from additional investors and developers, which is great for Pendleton.

Backfire Station looks amazing if you get a chance to visit our old fire station for a drink. Knight's Inn was officially sold and is currently being renovated into an awesome adventure bike-themed hotel, which will complement Backfire Station nicely. There is a new restaurant group and a live theatre group also looking for space in downtown. Eastern Oregon Rentals is remodeling the old PGG Building and relocating from the west side of town. Tum-a-lum Lumber is making great progress on the old Gilbert Auto site and will be relocating to the east end of town.



THE PENDLETON UAS TEST RANGE

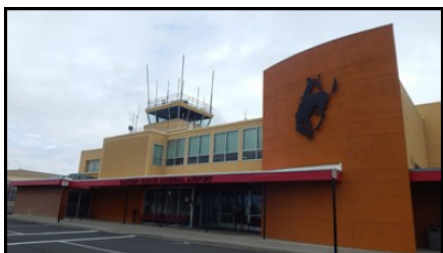


The Pendleton UAS Range recently completed acquisition of a Drone Operations Vehicle (DOVe) from Skyward, a Verizon Company.

The DOVe is built on an extended Ford F550 Diesel chassis, and is a fully self-contained, Mobile Mission Control vehicle equipped with advanced communication/data-link equipment, video processing equipment, workstations for operators and engineers and high-resolution cameras. Among other uses, the DOVe will provide an increased level of situational awareness for range users. This provides an increased safety level as our UAS operations continue to increase. The DOVe is also

expected to provide a strong return on investment as range users lease the asset to support their operations.

AIRPORT UPDATE



The airport staff has been very busy keeping the runways open and safe for our airport stakeholders. Safety at PDT and in the rest of the National Airspace System is our core mission. We are very grateful for the hard work of the airport's maintenance staff!

From December 13th through 16th the airport hosted a successful military training operation with the Second Ranger Battalion from Joint Base Lewis McCord in Washington State. The week provided our Nation's best a chance to operate in an unfamiliar environment to exercise their training, tactics, and procedures. We were

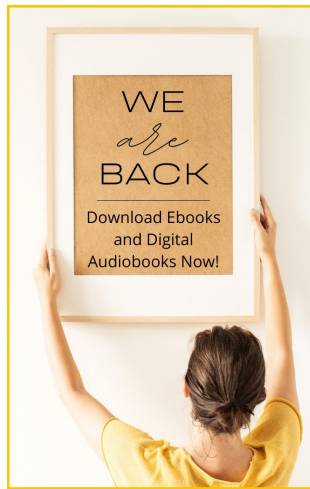
honored to host the Rangers here at PDT!

Looking forward into the rest of January, the Airport Commission will meet with three new members. The airport and UAS range are working on new and larger marketing efforts. And lastly, we should wrap up the design and bid process for the Terminal remodel and begin the planning/construction phase.

We are back! After a tumultuous weekend of service outages Library2Go is back in action! If you lost a hold you had been waiting on during the outage you can be re-added to the top of the que by following the steps below.

1. Place the hold(s) again after you are able to log in
2. Then send an email to leo_digital_tech@yahoo.com and mention lost hold(s) due to outage.
3. Include the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Email address
 - c. Library card number
 - d. title(s) and format(s) of hold(s) lost

Good luck everyone and thank you for your patience.



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.

PAPERCRETE FAIRY HOUSES

Use our Lightweight, but strong and weather proof papercrete to create a fairy house for lawn or garden.

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY
18TH AT
5:30PM**



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!



LET'S KNIT!

The library now offers knitting supplies for checkout as part of our growing Library of Things.

Next month we will begin offering knitting programs to showcase the items.

If you are interested in learning more about knitting, what we have available for checkout, or find yourself stuck on a project, please fill out the google form [HERE](#) and we will get back to you about our first class!



Cornhole League

HOSTED AT BACKFIRE STATION
 BEGINS JANUARY 13TH, 2022
 THURSDAYS 7-9PM
 \$40 PER TEAM

scan here to sign up

PENDLETONPARKSANDREC.COM | 541-276-8100 | 865 TUTUVILLA RD.

WINTER PROGRAMS

Check out these fun WINTER activities! Adult Volleyball, Tumbling, Pump It Up Cheer, and Adult Cornhole League! We still have a few openings in these programs, so don't wait & sign up today!

Sign up [HERE](#) or phone 541.276.8100

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our Parks and Public Works crews who made the new playground at Community Park a reality!

Also, a thank you to Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company and Rodan and Sons Concrete for donating the labor and materials for the concrete at the playground.

Another big thank you to Tim Anderson with Rock in Place who will be shooting the bark chips into the playground.

Next steps are to get some Geotech fabric put down under the playground to keep weeds out and then fill with chips and to have some grading and dirt work around the area done as well as fix the existing pathway to match up with the playground, for a final welcoming look for visitors young and old alike!

The Parks Department is excited to get these projects completed for the great young kids of this community to enjoy. We would like to thank everyone for their patience as we worked through some obstacles to complete these projects to serve the premier city in Eastern Oregon.



NRPA PARK PULSE

Parks and Recreation Brings Health and Wellness Into the New Year

94% of U.S. adults have health and wellness goals for 2022. Top goals include:

- Drinking more water and eating healthier
- Reducing stress
- Increasing exercise and daily step counts
- Getting outside more often

Park and recreation agencies are primary providers of public spaces – such as parks, trails and recreation centers – and programs where people can fulfill their health and wellness goals.

Each month, through a poll of 1,000 U.S. residents focused on park and recreation issues, NRPA Park Pulse helps tell the park and recreation story. Questions span from the serious to the more lighthearted. The survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com).

Visit nrpa.org/ParkPulse for more information.

JOB 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, 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 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 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.

TEMPORARY, PART-TIME LABORERS are needed at the Pendleton Convention Center.



The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for temporary, part-time laborers to work on an on-call basis at the Pendleton Convention Center. The position is responsible for helping with set up of tables, chairs, and other room arrangements, plus cleaning public restrooms, waste disposal and minor maintenance duties as needed. Experience in commercial custodial work or maintenance is preferred. Position requires walking, bending, stooping, and lifting. Must be able to work well with the public, assist with customer service needs during events, and be available for opening and closing building (odd hours/all days of the week). Requires valid Oregon vehicle operator's license and ability to pass a criminal background check. Salary is \$12.50-\$14.06 per hour, depending on experience, 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 human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. Open until filled. The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity employer.

PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

622 Airport Road, Pendleton OR
541-276-4411
ppd.pendleton.or.us

Why is the Pendleton Police Department a great place to work?

- Dynamic people
- Team-oriented environment
- Close-knit community
- Excellent benefits
- Competitive salaries
- Opportunity for advancement

Pendleton Police Department PATROL OFFICER

- Salary \$4552-\$6228 plus competitive benefits
- Specialty incentives
- Representation by the Pendleton City Police Association
- LDF/PORAC coverage
- Ongoing Training opportunities
- Tasers, uniforms & Equipment provided
- Tightknit department with strong community support
- \$200 annual equipment allowance
- Court & Call back paid overtime
- Scenic community with historical roots



Pendleton Oregon

Pendleton truly lives up to its motto "The Real West!" and is best known for its many attractions such as the Pendleton Woolen Mills and the world-famous Pendleton Round-Up. With a population of over 17,000 people, Pendleton is an ideal community for family, friends and hospitality. Located in eastern Oregon, Pendleton is nestled at the base of the Blue Mountains making camping, mountain biking, fishing and hunting all accessible. Among the many local attractions, Pendleton is well rounded offering professional healthcare, quality schools, several family parks and a cost of living that is more affordable than comparable cities. Pendleton is your ideal place to live, work and play



Our Department

The responsibility of the Pendleton Police Department is to serve our community in a manner that promotes the quality of life, economic growth and development of the City of Pendleton. We strive to accomplish our charge through the conscientious protection of persons and property, enforcement of laws, suppression of crime and observation of citizens' constitutional rights.

The Patrol Division is under the command of the Lieutenant. Each division has a total of four Police Officers including the Sergeant. The Patrol Division works 12-hour shifts.

The Patrol Division operates 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, and provides law enforcement services throughout the City of Pendleton. Our Police Officers respond to a variety of calls for service while enforcing Municipal Ordinance, Oregon Traffic Code, Oregon Revised Statutes and Federal Statutes. Calls for service include a variety of issues including but not limited to: civil matters, traffic crashes, violations, vandalism, assault, child abuse, sexual assaults, burglaries, arson, homicide, explosive devices, and fraud.

Our Officers are encouraged to maintain a proactive presence in the community.

Our Police Officers are continually striving to provide quality customer service to the citizens we serve. The Officers are required to attend and participate in a minimum of 60 hours of annual training.

For information on open positions or to submit your application, please visit our Web site:
human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Skill in planning, organizing, analyzing, decision making, and problem solving.

Skill in the use of firearms and other standard and specialized equipment.

Skill in the use of computers and job-related software programs.

Skill as a strategic thinker, and the ability to anticipate issues and understand the effect of decisions on all parties.

Well-developed writing and public speaking skills.

Demonstrate a high level of integrity and humility

High school diploma or GED

US Citizen

At least 21 years of age

Valid Oregon Driver's License

Pass background investigation

Complete Oregon DPSST

Pass written test, oral interview, medical, physical and psychological testing

Knowledge of City ordinances, civil service, state and federal laws.

