



# PENDLETON

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

May 2022

## HOUSING PROJECTS IN PENDLETON



In 2011 and 2016, we conducted two formal studies of the state of housing in Pendleton. Both studies showed a need for new housing for all levels of income, and they discussed the advanced age of most of Pendleton's available housing. Your city leaders believe there is a direct link between our scarce housing and a lack of workforce in Pendleton. One study showed a need for 1,000 new housing units in the next 20 years, so in 2017 the Council adopted "more housing" as a City priority with a goal of building 50 new units each year. After six years of building relationships with land owners, developers, and contractors, our efforts are starting to pay off.

In 2016, Pendleton only issued 10 new housing permits. In the four years from 2017-2020, we averaged 50 new housing permits each year (these were for apartments, single family homes, and multi-family dwelling units). We issued 163 new permits in 2021, and in the first four months of 2022, we have already issued 215 new permits. We have more housing starts on the way and should be on track to issue about 300 new permits in 2022!

I am especially encouraged that we are making progress on affordable housing. The Wildflower complex next to Olney Cemetery will begin renting units in July and will eventually offer 80 units of affordable housing. In September, the Horizon Project is planning to break ground on another 70 units of affordable housing on the east side of Pendleton. Both of these apartment complexes have been made possible by partnering with Oregon Housing and Community Services. If you have driven past the EOCI lately, you would have noticed a large construction project across the street. The "Westgate Apartments" will have about 205 units of market-rate apartments, with a pool and a community building. I expect this construction project to take place over the next 18 months.

The future of more single-family homes is starting to focus on several plots of land. A cluster of about 20 new houses will eventually be built on the land near the entrance to the Sunridge Middle School. A group of developers from the Tri-Cities is working with the City to build houses and town homes on about 56 acres of land between the Middle School and SW Nye. The City is also working closely with a group of land owners on the east side of Pendleton to eventually develop about 250 acres that stretches from the Water Filtration Plant west to Highway 11. This major construction project will require the City to build a water booster pump station near the Water Filtration Plant and widen Goad Road for better access. We intend to form a Reimbursement District which will require the developers to pay the City back its infrastructure costs as they sell the houses.

New housing in Pendleton will increase our workforce, put more children in our School District, provide more shoppers in our stores and restaurants, and will produce increased property tax revenues for the City.

*John Turner,*  
Mayor

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### May 17

City Council 7 pm  
PDC Meeting 6 pm

### June 7

City Council 7 pm

### June 21

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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Steve Campbell	At Large	541-379-0130
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## CITY OF PENDLETON

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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



## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** We recognized the Michael Cuneo, Firefighter of the Year on April 2, 2022 with the VFW. Michael is one of our newest Firefighters. He was hired April of 2020. He came from Marine Corp with his wife and son. He made it through his probation very well. He didn't slow down and immediately tried to help his co workers and the community. He is looking for tools to support what some of his coworkers are doing for first responder mental health. He and his wife also adopted a child from this community. The caring and cooperation he has shown in service to this community are just two reasons he was named 2022 Pendleton FF of the Year.

**POLICE** Staff at the Pendleton Police Department have been busy. As of April 26, 2022, we have responded to 1522 calls for service, which equates to 58.5 calls for service per day. Of those calls for service, 806 were dispatched calls and 716 were officer initiated to include 305 building checks and 110 vehicle/pedestrian checks. In total we have made 103 arrests and issued 108 citations.

We continue to attempt to recruit and hire qualified officers for our three open positions. We have recently hired certified officer Alexander Jensen, and new recruit Adam Nell, who will be attending the 16-week basic academy in Salem in August. We are currently in background on another certified officer who I hope to have a contingent job offer to by the end of this week.

**UAS RANGE** The UAS range continues to be very busy, having completed over 1,300 operations so far in 2022. We are expecting a 100% increase in operations over 2021.

The range continues to attract new business; we hosted two site surveys last week that resulted in both companies signing agreements to operate at the range. The range has signed a Collaboration Agreement with Verizon Robotics, and Verizon has hired two full-time employees. Four new clients are expected to begin operations at the range in May.

Airport and Range Staff were in Orlando in May to support the AUVSI UAS trade show.

**PARKS** Crews have finished the application of pre-emergent herbicide at our parks and landscaping areas. Pre-emergent is used in areas such as river rock landscaped beds and reduces the need for herbicide spraying or weed pulling later.

The base rock and water piping for the water fountains at the Till Taylor playground & Dog park have been installed. Concrete Pads were poured, and the fountains were placed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Interest in investing in Pendleton is at an all-time high. Assisting numerous businesses from assemblers to fabricators to lodging and restaurants to housing developers. New Radisson at the Airport is almost completed. Moto Lodge is making great strides and Eastern Oregon Rentals is well into a remodel of the former PGG building. Former Cummins Diesel business (behind Safeway) is now under new ownership. As part of a pilot project, City is meeting with landowners interested in bringing up to 50 acres of property into the Urban Growth Boundary for residential housing. Staff is working on several state and federal grant projects to assist BMCC, local small businesses, and the UAS range. Westgate apartment project is going gangbusters and Wildflower apartments (low income) are taking applicants.



City Offices will be closed Monday, May 30th  
in honor of Memorial Day

# PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

City of Pendleton has a plethora of public works related projects underway this year. We will be investing over \$20 million in the community related to water, sewer, storm, streets, and development this construction season. With all this construction, our crews are completing utility upgrades ahead of major projects work, along with accomplishing normal operation and maintenance activities, making for a busy year. Here's a summary of our largest projects for this construction season:

## WATER RELATED PROJECTS:

- We are breaking ground this month on a new 2 million gallon storage reservoir and new 4,500 gallons per minute booster pump station project. This project will serve the west end of our community where we currently do not have storage and the airport industrial development where we currently are at capacity to pump up to 550 gallons per minute. This project will assist with development and growth at the airport and west end of our community.
- We are working on a new municipal water supply well with a capacity to deliver between 2,000 to 2,500 gallons per minute. The new well will be drilled this year near the wastewater treatment & resource recovery facility (WWTRRF). This project will provide additional water supply option for redundancy to our current supply and for future growth demands of the community. This work includes extending a 16-inch water line about 4,000-feet in Houtama Road to the WWTRRF. This new water line will be used to supply water from the new well into the municipal water system. This portion of work is being recommended for award this month by City Council.
- We are working on a new booster station and water line to serve undeveloped lands located between north of the interstate, east of Hwy 11, and west of the water filtration plant. This project is expected to provide about 3,500 gallons per minute to serve future development and assist with peak supply needs for existing development. We are also working on upgrading an existing booster pump station that services the same area to assist with existing peak supply needs and future development.
- We are working on replacing the oldest known water line from 1911 in SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, which was the original backbone water line for serving the community. This work is being done in preparation of reconstructing SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from the tracks to the river next construction season.  
Crews are working on replacing aging water lines ahead of street paving projects and staff is working on a loan application to assist with funding future projects.

## SEWER & STORM RELATED PROJECTS:

- At WWTRRF, projects are this year to expand and improve drying beds for our biosolids production, upgrade the secondary digester complex that processes biosolids, and addressing aging issues to a secondary clarifier basin. Staff is also working on a loan application to assist with funding some of these projects and other future projects.
- For the collection system, we will be completing another round of rehabilitation for about 100 manholes to address groundwater inflow by sealing the manholes.  
Crews are working on upgrading storm drainage and replacing sewer collection lines ahead of street paving projects.

## STREETS RELATED PROJECTS:

- We are expecting to complete a record number of street related projects this construction season. We have \$360,000 in slurry seal work underway, \$1,333,000 in overlay work underway, and expect to have about \$2,500,000 in urban renewal district reconstruction underway this season.
- We are coordinating work to replace all of the high pressure sodium (HPS) street lights to light emitting diode (LED beginning late-May into June. These streets lights are owned by Pacific Power and we will be provided with better lighting for our street network. To help with this project, Energy Trust of Oregon has provided an incentive of about \$70,000 to be applied to the \$700,000 project cost.



# Make plans to **BE HOME** for the **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Kick off your celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, music 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](http://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



**RECREATION AIDES** The City of Pendleton is seeking to fill part-time Recreation Aide positions. 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 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 [human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us) or the address above.



**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](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us). Open until filled.



**PART-TIME RECREATION INSTRUCTOR** The City of Pendleton is seeking to fill a part-time Recreation Instructor position 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 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](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us). Open until filled.



**Utility Worker** Applications are being accepted for a Utility Worker position in the City of Pendleton's Public Works Department, Water Division. The position will perform maintenance activities related to water supply facilities, booster stations, reservoirs, valves, hydrants, and water meters; installation of water services; meter reading, re-reads, shut-offs, turn-ons; and other areas as assigned. Duties include a variety of work from manual labor to operation of light and moderately heavy equipment. Requires: the ability to skillfully and safely operate equipment such as tractors, loaders, etc., experience using hand and power tools; and ability to work at strenuous tasks in all types of weather, and ability to work occasional overtime. The position is physically demanding and requires considerable walking, bending, stooping, and lifting. Must be able to pass a criminal background check and have a Class A Commercial driver's license within 1 year of hire. The salary range is \$3,513-\$4,729 per month DOQ plus excellent benefits. Applications are available at [HERE](#) or at the Human Resources Office at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton. Submit completed applications to the same address or [donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us) no later than May 20, 2022. The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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## 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

**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!

PENDLETON PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY PRESENT:

## INTRO TO HIKING 101



### LEARN TO PLAN YOUR FIRST EVER HIKE!

This introduction will share what equipment you will need to get started and offer some great spots for hiking in Oregon! You'll learn how to be safe, as well as many other things a hiker needs to know for a successful outing!

**Thursday, June 9th at 5:30 pm  
meet at the Public Library**

Hosted by Liam Hughes, Parks & Recreation

All ages welcome

### TRY SCUBA! - JULY 7TH

Have you ever wanted to try scuba? This is your chance! Scuba diving is your ticket to a lifetime of adventure exploring the underwater kingdom. However, we know that not everyone is sure scuba diving is for them. Sign up for this one-day trial of scuba diving to see if you might be interested in taking the full course, or just for a fun day activity. Rental equipment included.

**Date & Time:** July 7th 6 - 8pm

**Registration:** \$50 per person

[Register Now!](#)



**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



## Got a great business idea for downtown Pendleton?

### Join the Path to Success Grant Challenge!

Each winner receives  
**\$20,000**  
to fund their business.

**Apply at [pendletonurbanrenewal.com/pts](https://pendletonurbanrenewal.com/pts)**

**OR:** Print and send/deliver your application to Pendleton City Hall. Application due by 5 p.m. May 24.

#### **To qualify for this challenge:**

You must have at least \$5,000 available to you to invest in your new business.

**Learn more at: [pendletonurbanrenewal.com/pts](https://pendletonurbanrenewal.com/pts)**

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