



# PENDLETON

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

December 2023

## A YEAR OF GROWTH FOR PENDLETON PARKS AND REC

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon looks different for all of our City of Pendleton departments. For Parks and Recreation, this means offering equitable, enriching, and diverse programs and events for our community. We strive to adapt and provide the activities that Pendleton is looking for. We've seen some significant changes over the course of the last few years, most of which have proven to be beneficial. We are excited to shed some light on some of the great things we are doing at the Rec Center.

**Administration:** As some of you may know, we have recently moved our Recreation Administrative team to the Recreation Center office. For many years, we were housed out of our Parks and Cemetery office on Tutuilla Road. As you can imagine, that led to some uncomfortable juxtaposition between one family having conversations regarding end of life celebrations while there is a family a few feet away signing up for Tee Ball. By moving any and all recreation registrations, questions, and administrative work to the Rec Center, we not only eliminate that discomfort for the public, but also bring life back to our historic Helen McCune Gym. We are very pleased with the benefits that our entire department has experienced since making the change.

**After School Program:** Another major adjustment we have made in 2022 is moving our After School Program, ASP, to the Recreation Center. Since the beginning of this program in 2019, the location has bounced around between the different elementary schools. We started with a program site at all four schools, however, due to COVID and difficulty finding and keeping adequate staff, we were down to serving all four schools but only using two sites at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. That, in conjunction with our coordinator trying to build and maintain a program split between two places, helped guide our decision to bring the entire ASP to the Rec Center and it has been an extremely successful shift. Our staff has been incredible and kids have really loved the changes to the program this year. We divide the kids into age-based groups and run rotations so their time with us is full of enrichment and fun. With us, they play games in the gym, visit the library, and do an art or science project all in one day at the ASP.

**Basketball:** Our 2024 Pendleton Youth Basketball, PYB, season is in full swing with practices running Mondays-Thursdays. We have 19 teams of players ages eight to twelve who will have games beginning in January. Additionally, after adamant requests from the community, we have also introduced a Lil' Bucks Basketball program this year! Spots for kindergarten, first, and second grade players were sold out within days of opening registration. In total, our Parks and Rec Basketball programs are serving 272 Pendleton youth.

**Events:** One of our core responsibilities as the Parks and Recreation department of Pendleton is to provide opportunities for families to spend worthwhile time with one another. We do this through a variety of events throughout the year. Our annual Daddy Daughter Dance is a rite of passage for our community, and the 2024 date is set for February 10th. This year, the 700 attendees can expect to see all of their favorites: our awesome DJ, the beautiful photo set provided by our talented photographer, and of course, the chocolate fountains!

Following the 2024 kickoff of Daddy Daughter Dance, we are also in the process of planning our Mother Daughter event, revamping our Mother Son event, getting our holiday events on the calendar, and even brainstorming new ideas! Be on the lookout for a Father Son activity, as well as an event for the whole family to get dressed up and dance, and more.

At Pendleton Parks and Recreation, we are always working to increase and improve the opportunities for the families in our community. We encourage you to be a part of the Parks and Rec this year through participating in programs, attending events, or even picking up a volunteering shift at our next activity!

Warm regards and happy holidays,

Courtney Summerfield & Jonathan Bullard  
Parks and Recreation



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### December 19

City Council 7 pm  
PDC Meeting 6 pm

### January 2

City Council 7 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
Addison Schulberg	At Large	541-379-1677
Steve Campbell	At Large	541-379-0130
Kevin Martin	Ward 1	541-969-6744
Carole Innes	Ward 1	541-377-7935
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
Convention Center	541-276-6569
Community Dev.	541-966-0203
Finance	541-966-0207
Fire	541-276-1442
Human Resources	541-966-0222
Library	541-966-0380
Municipal Court	541-966-0209
Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078
<b>500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR</b>	



Merry Christmas

FROM THE CITY OF PENDLETON



Holiday Closures



*Pendleton City Hall will be*

# Closed

Monday, Dec. 25

Tuesday, Dec. 26

Monday, Jan. 1

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Have you visited the City's website recently? Here are the top viewed pages so far in 2023:

Home Page	22,812
Parks & Recreation	12,731
General Information and FAQ	12,478
Library	8,762
Pendleton Aquatic Center	8,507
Utility Billing	8,129
Calendar	7,434
Top 12 Things to See and Do in Pendleton	7,265
Job Openings	6,968
Search	6,869

# SAVE THE DATE!

Tickets on sale January 3rd

Pendleton Parks and Recreation  
presents

# 2024 DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

February 10th | 6:00 p.m.

Pendleton Convention Center



# Arts study shows \$14.7 million economic impact

## Local report part of a nationwide study

Pendleton's Arts and Culture industry generated \$14.7 million in economic activity in 2022, according to the results of a new study. Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) is an economic and social impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry. Building on its 30-year legacy as the largest and most inclusive study of its kind, AEP6 uses a rigorous methodology to document the economic and social contributions of the nation's nonprofit arts and culture industry.

The Impact Study is led by Americans for the Arts, an Arts support organization in Washington, D.C. Groups across the country conduct the study at the community level, and there were 22 Oregon communities that participated this year, including Pendleton.

"The AEP6 results demonstrate how Pendleton art and cultural activities have a positive economic impact in our town," local coordinator Stephanie Huffman said. "The arts are a vital part of a healthy economy. Our results show overwhelming appreciation for local arts and cultural events."

Plans to bring the AEP study to Pendleton started in early 2021. The Pendleton Development Commission served as community partner, but the program struggled to make headway in the coronavirus pandemic and with coordinator turnover. Charles Denight, PDC associate director, said the survey took off when the deadline was extended until June 23, 2023, and the City of Pendleton hired Huffman to coordinate the project.

"In only a couple of months, Stephanie managed to complete hundreds of surveys, reaching a total of 613," Denight said. "Although we didn't make our goal of 800, I considered this to be an extraordinary accomplishment on her part."

As part of the study, Huffman surveyed people who attended arts and culture events as well as speaking with local nonprofit culture organizations about their finances and spending in the community.

Overall, the study showed the nonprofit arts and culture industry in Pendleton generated \$14.7 million in economic activity during 2022—\$7.7 million in spending by arts and culture organizations and an additional \$7.0 million in event-related expenditures by their audiences. That economic activity supported 161 jobs, provided \$5.9 million in personal income to residents, and generated \$1.9 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments.

Huffman said the results capture part of the Pendleton experience.

"The data analysis shows how money is spent not only on arts and cultural events but on many related expenses in Pend-

leton. When people attend a local event, they not only spend money on said event but on related activities, such as child care, food and drinks, and transportation," she said. "That money is circulated in our community. Additionally, these events provide a large number of jobs for our residents."



Stephanie Huffman collected survey results at multiple Pendleton events earlier this year

Additional highlights from the Pendleton AEP6 study include:

- In the City of Pendleton, nonprofit arts and culture organizations spent an estimated \$7.7 million which supported 79 jobs and generated \$893,001 in local, state, and federal government revenue.
- Event attendees spend an average of \$33.50 per person per event, beyond the cost of admission.
- 17.1% of attendees are nonlocal visitors who traveled from outside Umatilla County; they spend an average of \$87.26.
- 70.6% of nonlocal attendees reported that the primary purpose of their visit was specifically to attend the performance, event, exhibit, venue, or facility where they were surveyed.
- 92.3% of arts and culture attendees agree that the activity or venue where they were surveyed "is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community."

The Pendleton study – Arts & Economic Prosperity 6, the Economic and Social Impact Study of Nonprofit Arts & Culture Organizations & Their Audiences in The City of Pendleton – is available on the City of Pendleton's website at <https://pendleton.or.us/community/page/arts-study-shows-147-million-economic-impact-pendleton>

The nationwide AEP6 report, a map of the 373 study regions, and a two-page economic impact summary for each can be found at [AEP6.AmericansForTheArts.org](https://AEP6.AmericansForTheArts.org).

For more information about the local study, contact Stephanie Huffman at [Stephanie.Huffman@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:Stephanie.Huffman@ci.pendleton.or.us).

## Want Direct Payment of your Utility Bill?

Did you know you can have your City of Pendleton utility bill paid automatically with our free Autopay program?

### Autopay is a free service and enrollment is easy!

Simply complete the form and return to us with your current City of Pendleton utility payment or mail anytime.

Once you are enrolled, you will continue to receive your monthly statement, which will state AUTO PAY. It's that simple!

### Questions? Call us! (541) 966-0207

Bills are paid automatically from your checking or savings account on the due date. Our Autopay program is a free service and you can withdraw anytime by contacting us at least 10 days prior to your due date

### City of Pendleton Application for Direct Pay Plan Utility Bill

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Account \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking  Savings

Bank Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing #: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I am authorizing the City of Pendleton utility department to automatically withdraw my utility payment from my checking/savings account.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed forms to:

City of Pendleton  
Attn: Utility Billing  
500 SW Dorion Ave.  
Pendleton, OR 97801

### Questions? Contact:

Utility Billing Department at  
(541) 966-0207 or  
UBill@ci.pendleton.or.us

## Rather Pay Online?

Payments can be made by visiting <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor/utilities> or clicking "Pay Online" or scan the QR code below.



**PAY ONLINE**



## TOT TIME

is back at the Rec Center!

### Mondays and Wednesdays

Starting August 14th  
10 am - 11 am

Tot time is a drop-in activity for kids not yet in school. This is a great way for parents to connect with other parents, toddlers to make new friends while burning off steam. Drop-in cost is \$2 per toddler.



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### A day in the ASP:

- Transportation from elementary school provided by PSD and First Student, Inc.
- Snack and circle time
- Structured rotations:
  - Gym activities
  - Art or science project
  - Loft area games
  - Literacy component at the Public Library
  - time and help available for homework



### Steps to register:

1. Call or register online.
2. Complete the student information form and the alternate bus form located on the ASP page on our website.
3. Communicate which days your child will be going to ASP to your child's school.

**Cost:** \$15 per day or \$60 per week

**Location:** Recreation Center

510 SW Dorion Ave. in Pendleton

**Time:** 2:30-5:30pm, Monday-Friday

**Ages:** 1st-5th grade

**QUESTIONS?**  
541-966-0228



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# SCHOLARSHIP POLICY 2023-2024

Possible financial assistance levels: 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% based on need.

Please allow for up to 5 business days for processing and notification to awarding families.

Recreation Program Scholarship application process is separate from Aquatics scholarships.

Participants can use the granted scholarship for **one** childcare based program (After School Program or Summer Adventure Camp) and **one** additional program per quarter\*.

All Recreation Program scholarship applications must be submitted in person to the Recreation Center at 510 SW Dorion Ave. in Pendleton.

Scholarships are granted for the fiscal year and will expire on the final day of June each year. Families can reapply in July.

All paperwork required for application must be present at time of submission.

**Questions?**  
541-966-0228

\*eligible programs do not include events or drop ins.

# City Council and City Manager at the Holiday Lighted Parade



## When using a woodstove or fireplace, avoid burning:

- Wet wood, which produces more smoke than seasoned wood and can cause dangerous creosote build-up inside your chimney
- Household trash, including cardboard
- Plastic or rubber
- Styrofoam or foam
- Magazines
- Cereal boxes, printed boxes, or wrapping paper with colored ink
- Wood that has been coated, painted, or pressure treated, which can damage your fireplace
- Plywood, particle board, or any wood with glue on or in it, like wooden pallets
- Rotted, diseased, or moldy wood, which can make those toxins airborne

# Upcoming Events & Activities



Join Maura at 4:30pm Wednesdays in the Harry Potter Room. Knitters are welcome to bring an existing project, or start a new one. Maura will be on hand to troubleshoot tricky patterns and help beginners get started.



Come celebrate the changing of the seasons as the Pendleton Public Library kicks off winter with a three-day celebration

A team from the Umatilla National Forest Service will be leading activities on hibernation and snowfall while Smokey the Bear hangs out with us for a photo opp.

Crafts to include:  
Door Décor  
Christmas flashlights  
Snow Globes

The WINTER CELEBRATION, happens from 4-6:30 p.m. on each December 19, 20, and 21st

On Dec. 29, the Pendleton Public Library is having a 1v1 tournament (2pm) followed by a 2v2 tournament (approximately 3pm) featuring the Nintendo Switch game "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate". Grades 6-12

## STEAM Story Time

Story Time with a STEAM-twist on it, this program will cover winter themes using fun and educational activities to supplement our 2 stories. Hot cocoa will be provided.

**10:15 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28**

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS**

Start your day off right and get walking! This FREE program is a great way to meet friends, listen to music, and get your body moving in a safe and warm environment during the autumn-spring months.

**ALL AGES FREE REC CENTER**  
510 SW DORION AVE.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 AM-9:30 AM  
OCTOBER - APRIL 30  
QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT US: 541-966-0228

2v2

**SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE**

1v1

**TOURNAMENT**

# Skating Rink

Location: Roy Raley Park, 1205 SW Court Ave.

## General Hours of Operation

- \* Monday-Thursday: 3:30pm-6:00pm
- \* Friday: 3:30pm-8pm
- \* Saturday and Sunday: 12pm-8pm

## Special Holiday Break Hours (December 21, 2023-January 1, 2024)

- \* Monday-Friday: 12:00pm-8pm
- \* Saturdays & Sundays: 12:00pm-8pm
- \* Christmas Day: CLOSED

## General Admission

Admission with your own skates: \$3

Admission plus skate rental: \$5

## Passes and punch cards

Season Pass : \$45

10 Visit Punch Card: \$35

## Special Events

### Skate with Santa

December 21, 2023 10 am -1 pm

Cost: Free

Come enjoy a day with Santa at the ice rink. Santa will make an appearance at the rink.. Kids will have activities and games on the ice and warm drinks will be available at the concessions stand.

### Ice Carnival

January 29, 2024

Cost: Free

Parents- It's a no school day! Bring your kids to the ice rink for a free skate day. There will be games and prizes with lots of free time to skate. Staff will be there to watch and provide activities for ages 10+

# Cornhole League

Double League Starts Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2024  
\$50.00 per team

League play will go 11 weeks  
End of the season Tournament based off Standings  
**Last day to sign up Jan 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm**

**Warm up Thursday Is Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

Doubles

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



Games will be Played at

Pendleton EAGLES Lodge  
428 S Main St, Pendleton



# SKATE WITH SANTA

DEC. 21st 10am-1pm

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# TEEN NIGHT

AT THE REC CENTER

FREE  
DROP IN

VIDEO  
GAMES

PIZZA

BASKETBALL

DODGEBALL

EVERY OTHER  
FRIDAY  
AGES 12-18  
6-8PM

We are partnering with the Pendleton Public Library to bring teens a **FREE Drop in night at the Rec Center!** Come hang out with your friends and have PIZZA, play video games, open gym, & more!

Dec. 29 2023 at 6:00 pm

**For ages 12-18**

# FIGHT



F.O.G. stands for **Fats, Oils & Grease**, which are found in common food and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, gravies, sauces, and food scraps. If poured down the drain or into your garbage disposal, F.O.G. will build up over time by sticking to your sewer pipes. ***This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or our natural water system.***

**Keep fats, oils & grease out of your drain to prevent clogged pipes and sewer back-ups!**



- Pour cold fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into your garbage.
- Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils and grease into your garbage.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

## WHY SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT F.O.G.?

**F.O.G. DOWN THE DRAIN** can cause service lines to become clogged and back up into the home. F.O.G. can also result in potential public health issues and pollution problems.

## EVERYONE CAN RECYCLE USED COOKING OIL IN PENDLETON!

Bring any type of food oil to our Resource Recovery Facility in a clean, clear, screw top plastic jug.

We will take, empty your oil and send you home with your jug to refill.



### WE ACCEPT:

Peanut Oil	Olive Oil
Coconut Oil	Avocado Oil
Mustard Oil	Palm Oil
Safflower Oil	Rice Bran Oil
Corn Oil	Canola Oil
Vegetable Oil	

**Bring in your food oil for recycling today!**

**RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER**  
4300 SW Houtama Rd.



## HOMEOWNERS ARE

**LIABLE** for all clean-up costs related to a homeowner-caused sewer backup.\* In order to protect your home from a sewer backup, DO NOT put F.O.G. down your drains, and use your garbage disposal according to manufacturer recommendations.

*\*Consult with your insurance provider for flood and sewage backup coverage.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the City of Pendleton Resource Recovery Facility at 541-276-3372, or City Shops at 541-276-3078

**DID YOU KNOW?** The oil that comes to the facility is recycled as fuel for the City's combined heat & power co-generation unit that supplies up to 120kw per hour of electricity. This helps save your Resource Recovery Facility power costs.





### UTILITY WORKER

The City of Pendleton Public Works Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill multiple Utility Worker Positions within our Department.

Qualifications:

- Class A Commercial driver's license may be required within 1 year of hire.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Salary range is \$3,691-\$4,968 per month DOE.
- Excellent benefits.

Applications are available on our website or at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton OR 97801. For additional information, please contact Human Resources at 541-966-0201. Open until filled. First review of applications will be on January 17, 2024.

### RESERVE FIREFIGHTER

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for the position of Reserve Firefighter. High school diploma or GED equivalent required. Previous firefighter or EMS experience desired but not required. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid Oregon driver's license, and be able to pass a background investigation. The salary range is \$13.20 - \$27.50 per hour depending on qualifications. Applications are available from Human Resources, City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, or HERE. Completed applications should be delivered to Human Resources at City Hall, or via email to [human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us). Open until filled.

### PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING AGENT

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a full-time Purchasing Agent in the Public Works Department. Position is responsible to: coordinate all purchases of materials, equipment, and supplies at the Public Works Shop and related facilities; maintain all inventory, procurement and maintenance records; process requisitions and invoices for payment; answers phones; prepare and process correspondence; use bids, quotes and vendor contacts to make purchasing decisions; coordinates complaint responses and other requests for action; and related work. Requires high school diploma or GED and 1-2 years of work experience in construction, operation and maintenance of municipal water, sewer and street systems, preferably to include at least 1 year of responsibility for requisition and purchasing of parts, supplies or equipment. Experience in an automated office setting and excellent interpersonal skills required. Must have valid driver's license and be able to pass criminal background check. Must have or be able to obtain within 6 months certification to operate a forklift. Salary range is \$4,296 - \$5,644/month DOE plus excellent benefits. Applications are available at HERE, at the Human Resources Office at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton or by calling (541) 966-0201. This position is open until filled with first review of applications, along with cover letter and resume, on January 17, 2024.

### PART-TIME JANITOR IN THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a Part-Time Janitorial position in the Parks Department. The primary function of this position is daily janitorial cleaning in the Parks. Common duties include: cleaning restrooms, cleaning floors and other surfaces, and other basic janitorial duties as assigned.

A high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. The position requires a valid drivers license, at less than 1-year of experience or a satisfactory combination of education and experience. Pay is \$13.70-\$15.41 per hour DOE. This position is open until filled.

Applications are available online, at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, or by calling 966-0201. Completed applications must be returned to the same address or [human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us).

# Pendleton Fire Dept.

## Resident Intern Program



### Requirements

Designed for students pursuing a career in the Fire Service or EMS

At least 18 years old w/High School Diploma or GED Equivalent

Valid driver's license and insurable driving record

Maintain GPA 2.0 for tuition reimbursement

Application, Interview, Background, Medical and Drug Screen check

Oregon State Certified EMT-B in first 6 months and DPSST Driver/Operator , FFI and Haz-Mat Awareness/Ops within the first year.

### Benefits and Wages

Safety Equipment and uniforms provided

Receive experience and hands on training in Firefighting and EMS

Work schedule 48 on 96 off and assigned to a duty shift

Off duty housing, utilities and Wi-Fi paid

College tuition reimbursement for half of approved tuition

Obtain Fire and EMS certifications at no cost

After obtaining Fire and EMS certifications additional Reserve paid opportunities exist

Application and job opening can be found on  
<https://pendleton.or.us/hr/page/employment>

Contact Reserve Lieutenant Coleman  
Email: kevin.coleman@ci.pendleton.or.us