



# PENDLETON

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

OCTOBER 2023

## SISTER CITY VISITORS

On October 2nd, a delegation of 19 visitors from our sister city in Japan, Minamisoma, visited Pendleton. This was the first official sister city visit since 2016, although we have had high school student exchanges almost every year. The delegation consisted of Mayor Monma of Minamisoma, his wife, members of their Chamber of Commerce, city staff, and private business owners.



Planning for the visit started in June, when Pendleton officials were notified of the desire of the Japanese to resume our sister city exchanges. Involved in the planning were Pendleton staff, our Chamber of Commerce, Travel Pendleton, and our local Cultural Foundation, and we worked closely with Minamisoma to find out where they wanted to go and what they wanted to see.

They arrived in Portland on the afternoon of the 2nd, and were met at the airport by Cheri Kendrick, President of our Cultural Foundation. They traveled to Pendleton by buses provided by the City, arriving at 9 pm and were greeted by the Mayor and City Manager.

The next day about half of the group visited the Hanford Nuclear Site in Washington, because of a desire to learn more about the clean-up effort there. Minamisoma is close to the site of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident caused by an earthquake and tsunami and there has been a clean-up effort ongoing there since 2011. The other half of the group visited BMCC, the Bucking Bean, Hamley's western store, and the State Police crime lab. We hosted a reception for them all at the Convention Center that evening.

On the 4th, the delegation visited the Airport and UAS Test Range, Hill Meats, City Hall, and the Round-Up grounds. Some time was allowed for shopping and then we drove them out to the Maggie and Me Farm, where the Stuvland family and the Cultural Foundation hosted a farewell dinner. The delegation departed early the next morning for Portland, again by city buses.

A return visit by a delegation from Pendleton is tentatively scheduled for May of 2025, during the time of their annual samurai and horsemanship festival. We are sister cities mainly due to the equine cultures that are dominant in both cities. I want to thank the many businesses and agencies that took the time and provided funding to host our visitors. The Japanese were very im-

pressed by our hospitality and expressed their sincere gratitude for everything we provided.

John H Turner  
Mayor



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### November 7

City Council 7 pm

### November 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/>

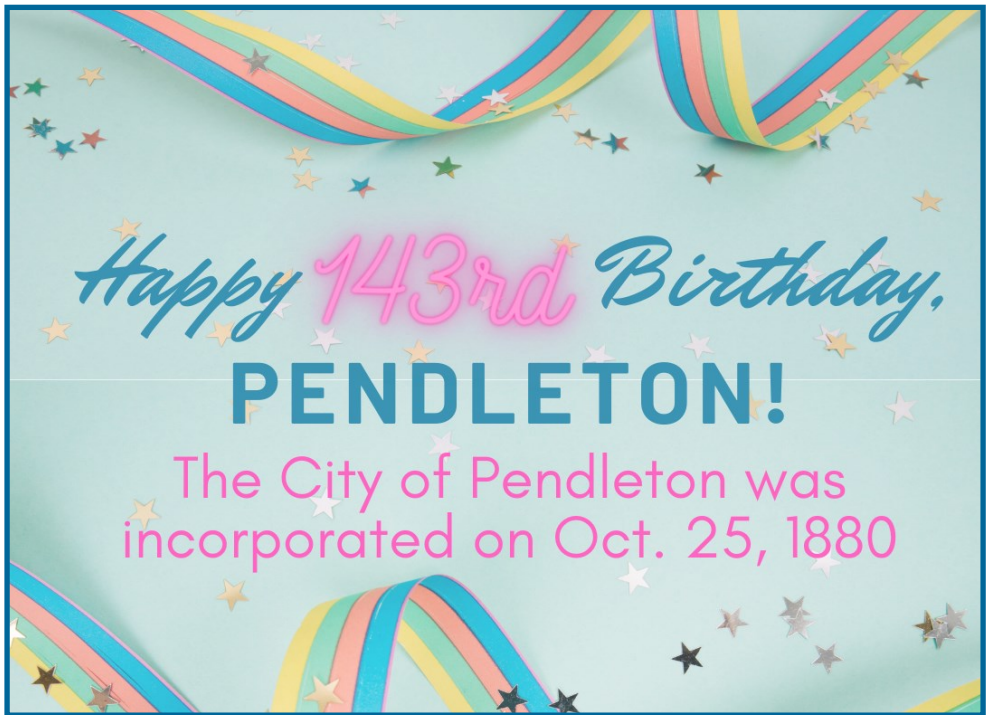
## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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	541-276-0644
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
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

**500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR**



PENDLETON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# ANNUAL BOOK SALE

CHILDREN'S BOOKS - NON-FICTION - ADULT FICTION - MUSIC & DVD'S

**OCTOBER 26TH-28TH**

**MEMBER SALE:**  
THURSDAY, 7-9PM

**PUBLIC SALE:**  
FRIDAY 10-8PM  
SATURDAY 10-2PM

**BAG SALE:**  
SATURDAY 3-5PM

**PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER**

1601 WESTGATE, PENDLETON OR

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# Pendleton Fire Chief retiring

## Jim Critchley has led Pendleton Fire & Ambulance since 2019

Pendleton Fire & Ambulance Chief Jim Critchley is retiring at the end of October after four years leading the department.

“I have mixed feelings. I’m really going to miss the people,” Critchley said. “I’ve been with the 31<sup>st</sup> largest fire department in the nation and now I’ve been with one of the smaller fire departments in the nation. I’ve represented fire chiefs all over the world. I would put the people associated with the Pendleton Fire Department on par with any I’ve come across.”

Critchley grew up in Southern Arizona and first joined the fire service in Tucson. He is not someone who grew up planning to be a firefighter. Critchley’s road to the fire service started with a job as a bartender and a conversation with three customers.

“Three guys sat at the bar. They told great stories, always had pretty girls, and I said, ‘I want to do what you guys do,’ and they said they worked for the fire department and asked if I’d like to join them. I did, and I loved it,” Critchley said.

Critchley was working full time as a firefighter in 1984. In 1988, he was hired by Tucson Fire Department as a firefighter, and he worked his way up the ladder.

Critchley became the Fire Chief of the Tucson Fire Department in 2011, overseeing 643 full-time personnel and 133 civilian employees. After seven years in the chief role – and 29 years with the department – Critchley retired in 2017 to spend time with his family and to focus on his health.

“I thought I could retire, but within a month, I had another job,” Critchley said with a laugh. “It was basically a sales job, but I wasn’t as good at selling stuff as I wanted to be.”

A few years later, the Western Fire Chiefs Association contacted Critchley and said they had an opening for an interim chief in Pendleton, Oregon. Critchley was hired as the interim fire chief in August 2019 and was sworn in as the full-time chief in January 2020.

“I came to Pendleton because the Western Fire Chiefs asked me to help out. What made me stay is the people in this fire department, the people in the community, and the city manager who does the right things for the right reasons,” Critchley said.

Critchley said the thing he will miss the most is the people. What he won’t miss is the emotional weight of the position.



“There are 17,000 people in Pendleton that are counting on their fire department to show up every day,” he said. “When you’re running a business, running a department, running a city, there is this never-ending pressure to take care of the people that are working. It’s always there. I care about when firefighters get hurt. I care about the patients that we go to. I feel that, and it tends to weigh on you.”

Critchley is retiring at the end of October in order to complete a move to Arizona in time to spend the holidays with his family.

Assistant Fire Chief Tony Pierotti will take over the position on Nov. 1.

## 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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PARKS & RECREATION



### 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.









# EXTREME COLD WEATHER WARNING

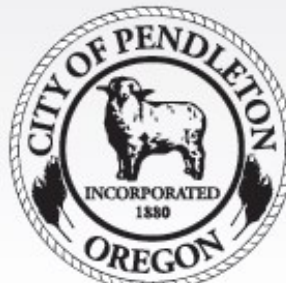


*Winter  
is on the way  
with extreme cold  
weather likely to occur!*

**To save yourself from the misery and expense of frozen water pipes, take these precautionary steps:**

-  Especially if you have had freezing issues in the past, **when daytime outdoor temperatures are expected to be 32° or lower, leave the cold water slowly dripping** from a faucet farthest from your street. This keeps a small amount of water moving and helps to prevent freezing.
-  **Keep heat on wherever there are pipes** such as kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room etc.
-  **Insulate your pipes.** If a sink is installed against an outside wall, insulate the wall and open cabinets beneath the sink to allow warm air to reach pipes.
-  **Do not use any outside water faucets and keep hoses disconnected from them.** If hoses are left connected, the water pipe may freeze - the line could break indoors and may flood your residence.
-  **Keep foundation vent blocks in place** and cover exterior water faucets with insulation covers.
-  **If you have underground irrigation lines, make sure you have completely cleared them of water and shut them off** for the winter season.

**Be proactive! If water pipes freeze up, you may have to go a long time without water.** It is not always possible to get anyone to respond quickly — during extreme weather plumbing companies often have long waiting lists, and city staff may already be dispatched to other incidents.



City of Pendleton  
Public Works  
541-966-0245  
[www.pendleton.or.us](http://www.pendleton.or.us)  
500 S.W. Dorion Avenue  
Pendleton, OR 97801


**NOTICE:** Seasonal Pendleton Park restroom facilities have been closed for the winter and will re-open in the spring. Facilities at Trailhead, Roy Raley, brownfield, Grecian (south), and both sides of Community Park stay open year round.



# Upcoming Events & Activities



The Pendleton Public Library presents



**Adult Trivia NIGHT**

5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24

Gather your know-it-all friends and head on down to the Library for a round of trivia! The kids can play while the grown-ups take their shot at winning the title of "Supreme Knowledge Keeper" (plus, a cool prize). 18+ only



**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



**NEW!**

## OFFICE HOURS

RECREATION CENTER

Monday - Friday  
10 am - 5 pm

Visit us or give us a call to register for programs, reserve birthday parties, make payments, and more.

### Pendleton Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

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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!

**October 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm**  
**For ages 12-18**



PENDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION  
*presents*  
**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** 2023

Pendleton Convention Center

**OCTOBER**  
**30TH** 6-8 PM

*Put on your costume and join  
Pendleton Parks and Recreation for our*

***2023 Halloween Carnival!***

*We will have games, activities, treats, and a photobooth.*

*This event is a great way for families to  
celebrate Halloween together for **FREE!***

***Monday, October 30th, 2023 6:00-8:00pm All ages***

HAPPY

**143<sup>rd</sup>**

**BirthDay**  
PENDLETON!

INCORPORATED OCT. 25, 1880

*Did you know?*

This month, we are posting trivia questions about Pendleton history on our social media accounts and website. Visit [Pendleton.or.us](http://Pendleton.or.us) and/or the page "City of Pendleton" on Facebook to participate!



### PLANNING TECHNICIAN

This position performs a variety of professional, technical, and secretarial duties related to planning, urban renewal, economic development, historic landmarks, and community development. This position maintains departmental records and files; assists with maintaining building files; confers with public on standard building and planning department procedures; prepares routine reports; does related work as required. This position is often required to participate in frequent communications and meetings, either in person or through email, MS Teams, Zoom, Skype, or other virtual platforms; and have contact with the public. Requires general knowledge of local and State Land Use Planning principles, concepts, and laws. This person will implement and enforce provisions of City Ordinances and Oregon State laws which apply to land use. Basic knowledge of standard practices, techniques, materials and methods of the building and construction trades would be desired but is not required. Requires customer service experience and excellent communication skills.

Salary range \$4,037 - \$4,968 DOE, plus excellent benefits. Applications are available at [www.pendleton.or.us/employment](http://www.pendleton.or.us/employment), at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, or by calling 541 966-0201. Completed applications must be return to Human Resources at City Hall or at [human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us). This position is open until filled with first review on October 31, 2023.

### PART-TIME RECREATION INSTRUCTOR POSITION IN 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).

### PART-TIME AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION AIDE POSITIONS.

The 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 cleaning up afterward, assisting with an 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 is 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. \$13.70 to \$15.41 per hour DOE, no benefits.

### RESERVE FIRE FIGHTER

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. Open until filled.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIDENT INTERN

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for the position of Resident Intern. High school diploma or GED equivalent. Must become enrolled as a full-time college student in fire science or medical-related field of study. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid Oregon driver's license, and be able to pass a background investigation. Live expense-free at the fire station on shift and off duty in provided Fire Department housing. The salary range is \$13.20 - \$27.50 per hour (depending on qualifications,) plus tuition assistance, and housing.