



# PENDLETON

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

June 2024

## IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RIDE

Wow, it is hard to believe 36-years in Pendleton has flown by quickly. It has been a pleasure to serve the Pendleton community and Eastern Oregon in several roles over the years.

I moved to Pendleton in April 1988, after graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in Civil Engineering, Water Resources Option. My first Pendleton employment chapter is written around working for the State of Oregon Drinking Water Program for six years. I personally had the chance to travel and “pass” the water of communities throughout 12 counties of Eastern Oregon. I also received my Civil and Environmental professional engineering license during this chapter, making me either an environmentally civil or civilly environmental engineer – maybe a little of both.



Bob Patterson

After six great years of experience, I joined the City of Pendleton as its first Regulatory Specialist. In this employment chapter, I oversaw the City’s water system sampling and the drafting and adoption of numerous Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Administration related City policies. Unfortunately, this chapter did not include much work in the way of engineering, making it the shortest of my chapters. I was pulled away to a new employment chapter when the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) solicited for newly created Public Works Director position. I was pleasantly surprised to be offered the position, and it turned out to be a fantastic chapter for my career growth. I managed the water and sewer system upgrades and expansion for the CTUIR community and the backbone infrastructure expansion for Wildhorse Resort. During this chapter, I also worked on the CTUIR and City joint water supply project considerations and a final report. It was on the basis of this work, the City made an offer to have me come back and lead the effort and work on the Water Filtration Plant and Aquifer Storage & Recovery Program. In hindsight, I had the most fun and growth with this chapter. As this chapter came to a close in June 2003, I was offered to assume the City’s Public Works Director position.

This last chapter serving the Pendleton community has been extremely fulfilling for the last 21-plus years. I have enjoyed working with great staff over the years and leading legacy projects that will continue to benefit the overall community for a long time to come. In recognition of my service to the community, I was blessed by my peers in public works to receive the 2016 Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year award, which serves as the highlight of my working professional career. As I ride off into the sunset and close this chapter of my story, I look forward to tracking the continued progress of the CTUIR and Pendleton communities’ development in retirement.

Then there is my personal chapter(s) intertwined with my employment chapters. In 1991, I met my better half when she came to the United States on an around-the-world trip, having just graduated from University of Western Australia. As part of her trip, she served six months as a volunteer research assistant at the

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### July 2

City Council 7 pm

### July 16

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
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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

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



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Oregon State University Agricultural Research Station. We married a year-to-the-day after we met on March 28, 1992, at the University of Western Australia located in Perth. Our son, Rowan, joined us in 1997 and our daughter, Jessie, in 2000. They were both granted Australian citizenship by descent. We raised our family in this wonderful community with all its great amenities and schools.

With both our kids having gone through the Pendleton school system, our son went on to graduate from University of Oregon and our daughter from Oregon State University, adding Platypus to go with Beavers and Ducks. Our son worked for Umatilla County until his departure to Western Australia in early 2022. Our daughter followed later that year after graduation from OSU. In 2023, they both started their professional careers working in the commercial business district of Perth. My next personal chapter has us joining them, and my wife's family, as we are in process to move to Western Australia this fall. As we depart this community, we will begin to write our new Aussie personal chapter and eventually a new Aussie employment chapter.

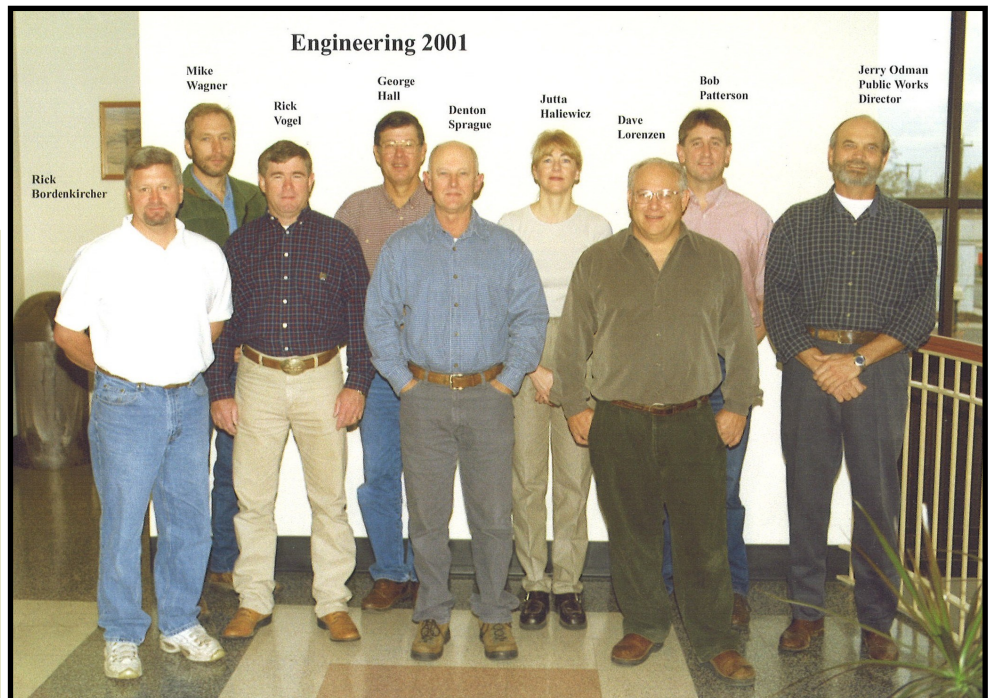
Please know from the bottom of my heart, we have been blessed by this community and your support – so “thank you” to all of you – you will be remembered.

If you ever want to visit us in Western Australia, please reach out - we would be happy to entertain you after we get settled.

Cheers,

Bob Patterson

Public Works Director, Retiring



## THANK YOU, BOB

for your years of service to  
the City of Pendleton and  
to Eastern Oregon

# Jeff Brown named Pendleton Public Works Director

*Brown will replace Bob Patterson after retirement*

Jeff Brown has been named the new Public Works Director for the City of Pendleton. He will take over the leadership position on July 1.

Currently the Public Works Assistant Director, Brown first came to the City of Pendleton on Jan. 4, 1993, as a utility worker. He worked his way up the ranks and served as Public Works Superintendent in 2003, a position he held until last year when he became the Assistant Director for Public Works.

“Jeff has spent his whole career here with the City of Pendleton, and he has proven himself to be a go-to person,” City Manager Robb Corbett said. “During his time with the City, he has proven his love and dedication for this town, and I cannot picture a better person for this role.”

Born and raised in Pendleton, Brown said he works in Public Works because there is a new challenge every day. Brown takes over as the Public Works Director on July 1, filling the role left by outgoing director Bob Patterson.

“I am excited to take on this new challenge. I want to see Pendleton flourish,” Brown said. “I would also like to say ‘thank you’ to Bob for his years of leadership in the department. I hope to carry on the position and see the projects outlined in the Master Plans continued.”

Patterson is retiring at the end of June after 21 years as the Public Works Director. See more about Patterson’s retirement on page 1.



Jeff Brown



## Goat Watch 2024

Since 2012, the City has contracted to bring in prescriptive livestock – in this case, goats – to cut down unwanted vegetation on city-owned properties that are difficult to maintain. Prescriptive grazing helps to reduce fuel loads and open up views of the Umatilla River. Grazing also provides better ability to inspect the levee, storm water outfalls and overall conditions of storm drainage.

The City of Pendleton is currently running our regular “Goat Watch” posts on social media. Watch Facebook for our Goat Watch graphic to know when and where the goats are each week during grazing season.

If you do go out to view the goats in other areas, please remember to view the animals from afar and without trespassing. The fence around the goats is electrified, and the guard dogs aren’t fond of people getting too close to the fence. We know the goats are cute, but they are livestock, not pets! Please keep your distance.





McKennon McDonald will take office as Mayor of Pendleton in January.

## McKennon McDonald is mayor elect

*In the May election, Pendleton voters selected McKennon McDonald as Pendleton's next mayor. Below is a portion of the OPB article, "Mayoral candidates meet and miss milestones in Umatilla County" written by Antonio Sierra.*

A former elementary school teacher, McDonald remembered the conversations she would have with students walking by the wall of mayors in city hall. "We talk about what's missing there and the representation piece, and it's always something that, interestingly enough, the kids haven't really pointed out on their own," she said. "But it's something that has always been a big point of me to say, 'You do have female elected officials representing you on the council.'"

Even with that in mind, McDonald said she decided early in her campaign that her gender would not be the center of her pitch to voters.

Born and raised in Pendleton, McDonald got involved in local politics soon after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Portland. At 23, she beat a former city councilor to win a seat on the city council. Four years into her tenure, McDonald was named council president.

When Mayor John Turner announced his retirement last year, McDonald entered the race with the intent of continuing the efforts Turner helped shepherd over the past eight years, a list that includes housing, sustainable infrastructure and economic development.

Obtaining a promotion to mayor means McDonald will actually give up some of her power. Pendleton has a weak mayor system, meaning the mayor doesn't have any day-to-day responsibilities or a regular vote on the city council.

McDonald said she was motivated to run for mayor because she will have the ability to shape debate during city council meetings and represent Pendleton during state-level discussions...

... McDonald understands the context of her milestone in a town known for its cowboy heritage. She serves on a council with gender parity and as mayor, she'll also serve as an ex-officio member of the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors. A woman now serves as president of the rodeo board, which didn't elect its first female member until 2010, its 100th year.

McDonald said she chose to name her campaign "McKennon for Mayor" as both a way to stress her approachability and as a departure from her old professional title.

"I spent most of my career being Mrs. McDonald," she said, referring to her life in education. "And this was the opportunity where I just wanted to be McKennon."

- Antonio Sierra, for OPB

There's always something to do in Pendleton

Find events and more on the "Live Pendleton" app, available for both Apple and Android

## Pendleton awarded \$2.5 million grant for Fire Station 2

Business Oregon has awarded Pendleton Fire & Ambulance a grant for just under \$2.5 million for seismic rehabilitation of Fire Station 2. Opened in 1972, Fire Station 2 is staffed with firefighter paramedics 24/7 and serves the south side of the fire and ambulance districts. It is the oldest fire station used by Pendleton Fire & Ambulance.

Business Oregon manages the state's Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program, which is designed to prepare and strengthen public services buildings

against earthquakes. Through the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program, Business Oregon awarded close to \$90 million to support seismic safety for emergency services buildings and schools across Oregon. The competitive grant program received more than 100 applications requesting almost \$240 million in funding this year.

Fire Chief Anthony Pierotti said the grant will remodel Fire Station 2 to meet earthquake preparedness requirements, but, if possible, he would like to use the renovation as an opportunity to bring the 52-year-old station up to other standards

"Station 2 has been on our radar. It is old, and it doesn't really support the personnel that we have," Pierotti said. "The whole grant revolves around rehabbing that building to come up to seismic standards, but, within that construction, we hope to be able to make some modernizations and improvements."

For example, Fire Station 2 uses an open dorm concept common in the 1970s, which no longer meets the needs of the co-ed department staff. Pierotti said he hopes to improve the dorm and restroom facilities to meet current needs. The rehabilitation will also help Pendleton Fire & Ambulance get ahead of upcoming OSHA restrictions involving exhaust and living spaces before those go into effect.

Learn more about Pendleton Fire & Ambulance at <https://pendleton.or.us/fire> .



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## Vacancies on Boards and Commissions

City of Pendleton cannot do the important work of a municipal government without the help of its many citizen volunteers. Many of these volunteers serve as members of the City's various boards, committees and commissions. Some of those boards and committees have openings:

### **Parks Commission—2 openings**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is charged with providing suitable rules and regulations for a general program of public recreation for the community; forming policies for the recreation or cultural activities on public playgrounds, indoor recreation centers, and other recreation areas or facilities; submitting a proposed budget each year; and establishing rates of any necessary service charges required for the use of any recreation or park facility.

### **Tree Commission—1 opening**

The Tree Commission is charged with advising the City Council with regard to all tree matters in parks, along streets and in public areas.

### **The Transportation Committee—2 openings**

The Transportation Committee provides direction on transportation programs, including senior/disabled taxi tickets, general public taxi tickets, senior meal site transportation, a daily van service serving the general public, parks and recreation summer inter-park rides, and an aquatic center summer transport.

# Upcoming Events & Activities



**This edition of STEAM Games will focus on aerodynamics as we will be making our own paper airplanes, stomp rockets, and other flying gizmos!**

**Ages 8-12**

**When: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25**

**Where: Pendleton Public Library**



SUP at the pool? Stand-Up Paddleboards, that's what!

Teens will be timed as they race the paddleboards down and back but be careful to not get a penalty for falling off. Especially when your peers are armed with squirt guns and pool noodles to knock you off course.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Ages 13-17 only

June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Contact the Pendleton Public Library for more information

## WEDNESDAYS in the PARK

CHI St. Anthony Hospital  
WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

**FREE & ALL AGES  
WEDNESDAYS  
6-8 PM**

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

ROY RALEY PARK

WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

**JULY 3 - Music Medicine**  
**JULY 10 - Night Heron**  
**JULY 17 - Sean Hatton**  
**JULY 24 - Casey Neill & The Norway Rats**  
*featuring Kathryn Claire & Margo Merab*  
**JULY 31 - The Get Ahead**

**AUGUST 7 - Ian Moore**  
**AUGUST 14 - Stephanie Schneiderman**  
**AUGUST 21 - Brass Fire**

### Next month's Movies in the Park:

**July 12th**  
**The Little Mermaid (2024)**  
 Rated PG for action/peril and some scary images.

**July 19th**  
**Space Jam (1996)**  
 Rated PG for some mild cartoon language.

**July 26th**  
**Barbie (2024)**  
 Rated PG-13 for suggestive references and mild language.

● CITY OF PENDLETON PRESENTS ●

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF July

FOOD TRUCKS  
ON SITE OR BRING A  
PICNIC LUNCH

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

AT ROY RALEY PARK

PARADE - 10 AM

COMMUNITY EVENT - 11 AM TO 3 PM

ARTS CENTER CHALK WALK ART COMPETITION | FAITH CENTER FACE PAINTING/TATTOOS | DUNK TANK  
ALTRUSA BOOK GIVEAWAY GAME | PAWS ADOPT A PET | PENDLETON FIRE AND POLICE VEHICLES FOR EXPLORING.  
CITY OF PENDLETON YARD GAMES, CORN HOLE, GIANT JENGA, BEAN BAG TOSS, YARD CONNECT FOUR, HULA HOOPS, AND MORE



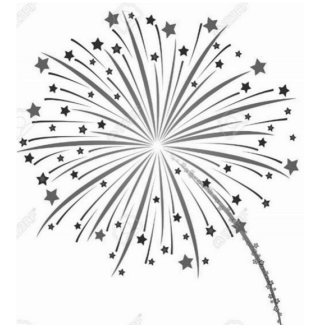
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THE FIREWORK FUND!

COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY:





**INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEBRATIONS IN PENDLETON**



**PENDLETON'S FIREWORKS SHOW  
THURSDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 p.m. next to  
Walmart**

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

**Tax-deductible donations can be made at  
Pendleton Chamber of Commerce  
501 S Main Street, Pendleton OR 97801**

To make a tax-deductible contribution towards the fireworks show, please drop off your donation or mail this form with your check payable to Pendleton Chamber of Commerce

Name(s) you would like acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print  
Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**4th of July INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

Hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pendleton "Let'er Buck" Post 922

Participation is free-Individuals, organizations & businesses. Everyone is welcomed  
The "VFW PATRIOT TROPHY" is awarded to the entrant with the most overall votes

Parade entry forms available at Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, or by emailing  
VFW922@gmail.com

**10:00 AM Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ROUTE: City Hall to Main Street to SW Court to the Convention Center**

To make a tax-deductible contribution--please mail this form with your check,  
payable to: VFW 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Fund

Name(s) you would like acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print  
Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: VFW Post 922, P.O. Box 787, Pendleton, OR 97801**

Donations are used to purchase trophies, participation ribbons, flags, advertising, postage and printing. VFW "Let'er Buck" Post 922 is a 503(c) (19) Veterans non-profit organization. All donations and contributions received by the VFW are tax deductible.

Questions or Assistance: Contact John Blagg at 541-969-0732 or e-mail [VFW922@gmail.com](mailto:VFW922@gmail.com)





Find more information and additional job opportunities at <https://pendletonor.gov/jobs>

Applications are available at <https://pendletonor.gov/hr/page/employment> or in the Personnel Office at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton, OR 97801; (541) 966-0201. Completed applications must be returned to [human.resources@pendletonor.gov](mailto:human.resources@pendletonor.gov).

### **SUBSTITUTE LIBRARY CLERK**

The Library is looking for individuals available to work on a substitute (as needed) basis as a Library Clerk. This position assists library patrons with checking materials in and out, issues library cards, and answers patron questions. Requires good people skills, ability to communicate effectively, precision in alphabetizing, ability to type and use a computer, and physical ability to lift, bend, and move books and materials. The ability to speak Spanish is preferred as well as prior public service. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. There are no guaranteed hours or the requirement to take the shift if called. We want to develop a list of individuals who would be willing to work if the need arises.

The rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour, with limited benefits.

### **LABORATORY TECHNICIAN**

The City of Pendleton is seeking to fill a Laboratory Technician position at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Duties include: Performing laboratory tests of the WWTP; collecting samples either manually or by programming equipment for automated sample collection; testing for biological and/or physical characteristics; calibrating and maintaining laboratory and process equipment; and conducting laboratory testing for other local municipalities. Must be able to obtain within 2 years a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Wastewater Treatment Level 1 certification.

Pay is \$4,296 - \$5,290 DOQ plus benefits. Open until filled.

### **ARBORIST**

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a USDA Grant Funded Full-Time Arborist position in the Parks and Recreation Department. The Arborist is responsible for performing a wide range of duties related to the maintenance of publicly owned or regulated trees within the City. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in arboriculture, horticulture, or forestry. This position will be required to either have or be able to obtain, within 6 months of hire, a Tree Climbing Certification. The position will be primarily Monday-Friday 7:00 am-3:30 pm but may be subject to emergency call out.

The wage range is \$4,572 - \$6,193 per month DOE plus excellent benefits. Requires valid driver's license and ability to pass a criminal background check. The position is open until filled.

### **ARBOR TECH**

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a USDA Grant Funded Full-Time Arbor Tech position in the Parks and Recreation Department. The Arbor Tech is responsible for providing assistance to the Arborist, and, as a team, they will perform a wide range of duties related to the maintenance of publicly owned or regulated trees within the City. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in arboriculture, horticulture, or forestry. This position will be required to either have or be able to obtain, within 6 months of hire, a Tree Climbing Certification.

The wage range is \$3,691 - \$4,522 per month DOE plus excellent benefits. Requires valid driver's license and ability to pass a criminal background check. The position is open until filled.



# WE ARE HIRING!

## RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY - OPERATOR 1

The WWTRRF Team keeps the facility running in processing 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater while also maintaining multiple renewable energy systems that help power the facility. Our Team's goals are to produce reusable/beneficial products from the wastewater treatment facility to help maintain or better the environment. The Team manages a highly automated facility with lots of room for growth within the SCADA, instrumentation, and other technology fields.

*Are you passionate about environmental sustainability and making a difference in your community? Look no further! Pendleton Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery Facility is seeking dedicated individuals to join our team.*

### Responsibilities:

- Operate and maintain wastewater treatment equipment
- Monitor treatment processes and quality of treated water and biosolids
- Perform routine maintenance tasks
- Ensure compliance with environmental regulations
- Work collaboratively with a team of professionals

Nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, Pendleton has a great work life balance with room to grow professionally. The City of Pendleton offers excellent benefits and has many programs to help each team member advance their skills including college tuition reimbursement and training opportunities.



Salary range:  
**\$4,037 - \$4,968**  
per month DOE,  
plus excellent benefits

If you are ready to make a positive impact on the environment and community, apply now to join our team! Join us in our mission to protect the environment and promote sustainability through wastewater treatment. Your dedication and expertise can help us achieve our goal of clean water for all.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma or GED
- Ability to obtain DEQ Wastewater Level 1 certification within 18 months
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to obtain CDL class B or higher within 12 months
- Ability to pass a criminal history check

Applications are available at <https://pendletonor.gov/hr/page/employment> or at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton, Oregon

This position is open until filled with first review on June 28, 2024. The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Find more information and additional job opportunities at <https://pendletonor.gov/jobs>

### SEASONAL LABORER

The City is accepting applications for several seasonal positions in the Parks and Recreation Department. All wage ranges are dependent on experience (DOE) and/or certificates held. All positions require the ability to pass a criminal background check.

Positions perform labor required to landscape and maintain parks and cemetery grounds including cultivation and care of shrubs, trees, flowers, and lawn turf, control of weeds, mowing, irrigation, waste disposal, and maintaining restrooms, shelters, and other park facilities. Wage ranges from \$14.20 - \$16.95 per hour.

### PART-TIME JANITORIAL POSITION AT THE PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a Part-Time Janitorial position at the Pendleton Convention Center. The primary function of this position is daily janitorial cleaning in the Convention Center or Vert Auditorium. 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 driver's license, 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.

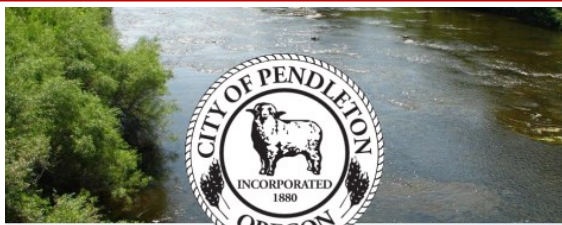
### RESERVE FIREFIGHTER

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. 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.



The City of Pendleton is proud to report another year of providing high-quality and safe drinking water. The latest water quality report is now available online.

View the 2023 Water Quality report and previous water quality reports on the [Public Works Documents page](#) on the city website, [pendletonor.gov](https://pendletonor.gov)

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**WATER QUALITY REPORT**