



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

March 2024

GOOD NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATURE!

The 2024 Legislative Session adjourned on March 8th and there were several noteworthy actions taken on Pendleton's behalf.

First, the City has been lobbying for several years to get some help from the State to build more housing. Our top priority has been to build a road and water booster station that would open about 250 acres of buildable land on the east side of Pendleton. You may have heard of this as the "Goad-Rees" property, but other land owners are also involved. On March 4th, SB 1530 passed through the Legislature with \$4 million approved for our road. We have other funds from the County, the Port, and the U.S. Congress to combine with these new State revenues and we expect to have a major part of this road and water booster pump completed in 2025. This is a huge victory for our efforts to build more housing in Pendleton.



The Round-Up City Development Corporation (RCDC) has been working on plans to build a regional sports complex in Pendleton for the past two years. This project has very strong community support and will be located on 40 acres donated by the City on the west side of the regional airport. Senator Hansell was a key proponent and was successful in getting \$3 million appropriated for Phase I of this project. While the final phases of the sports complex will require a local bond measure to complete, we will now put together plans to see how much of it can be built in Phase I. Thank you, Senator Hansell!

Finally, we should all applaud the passage of HB 4002, which corrects some of the very damaging and unintended aspects of Measure 110, which was passed by the voters in 2020. HB 4002 will now make minor drug possession an unclassified misdemeanor and has teeth in it to force violators on to formal probation if convicted and to get supervision while in treatment. If they don't get treatment or have repeat offenses, up to 180 days of jail time and heavy fines can be imposed. Conversely, those that complete treatment and remain crime free can have their convictions expunged. These changes have been strongly endorsed by most law enforcement and district attorney associations and many treatment providers. These changes will hopefully reduce our terrible addiction problems and rapidly expanding deaths by drug overdose in Oregon.

From my perspective, the 2024 Legislative Session was extremely productive for Pendleton.

John Turner
Mayor of Pendleton

COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 2

Special City Council 6 pm

City Council 7 pm

April 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
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

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR



Nine candidates file for election in 2024

Voters will choose elected officials in May 2024

Municipal election filing for the May 2024 election closed Tuesday, March 12. Pendleton voters will consider nine candidates for the five open positions.

Pendleton City Council members are elected to four-year terms, and candidates can be elected to represent a specific "ward" or region of the city or to an "at large" position. There are two positions for each ward and two at large positions on the City Council, and the elected terms are staggered so half of the City Council positions appear on the ballot every two years. In 2024, the ballot will also include Mayor in addition to the city council positions. More information on the Pendleton City Council and wards is available at <https://pendletonor.gov/council>.

For the May 21, 2024 election, the following candidates have filed:

Mayor of Pendleton:

McKennon O'Rourke McDonald

Joseph Hull

Pendleton City Council Ward 1:

John E. Thomas

Barbara A. Wright

Pendleton City Council Ward 2:

Sally (Stuvland) Brandsen

Pendleton City Council Ward 3:

Brett Mulvihill

Alicia Kay Reynen

Pendleton City Council At Large:

Steve Campbell

Kristine Hudson-Bonniot

City of Pendleton municipal elections are typically the third Tuesday in May in even years. In 2024, election day is May 21. The candidate that receives the most votes in each race will take office in January 2025, or, if no person receives a majority of the votes cast in a specific race, the two candidates who receive the most votes will run for election in the General Election on November 5, 2024. Elections will be conducted by mail.

The last day to register to vote in order to participate in the May 21 election is April 30, 2024. To check if you are registered to vote, visit <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/showVoterSearch.do?lang=eng&source=SOS> or call the Umatilla County Elections Office at 541-278-6254.



Sign up for 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



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City updates email addresses, website

The City of Pendleton updates website to www.pendletonor.gov

Emails from the City of Pendleton look a little different this month. The City has transitions from the domain Pendleton.or.us to pendletonor.gov, and this means emails now come from first-name.lastname@pendletonor.gov instead of first-name.lastname@ci.pendleton.or. For now, emails sent to the old addresses will be forwarded to the new ones, but if you have City of Pendleton emails in your contacts, you should update those accordingly.

We have tried to catch everything, but if you run into 404 errors or broken links on our website, please let us know!

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TOT TIME

is back at the Rec Center!

Mondays and Wednesdays

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.

State authorizes \$4 million in connector road funding

Investment will open property for development

Pendleton, Ore. — One of the biggest challenges to the development of property in Pendleton is access to flat land. Funding from the State of Oregon and Oregon Department of Transportation will help a project move forward to open up 250 acres of land.

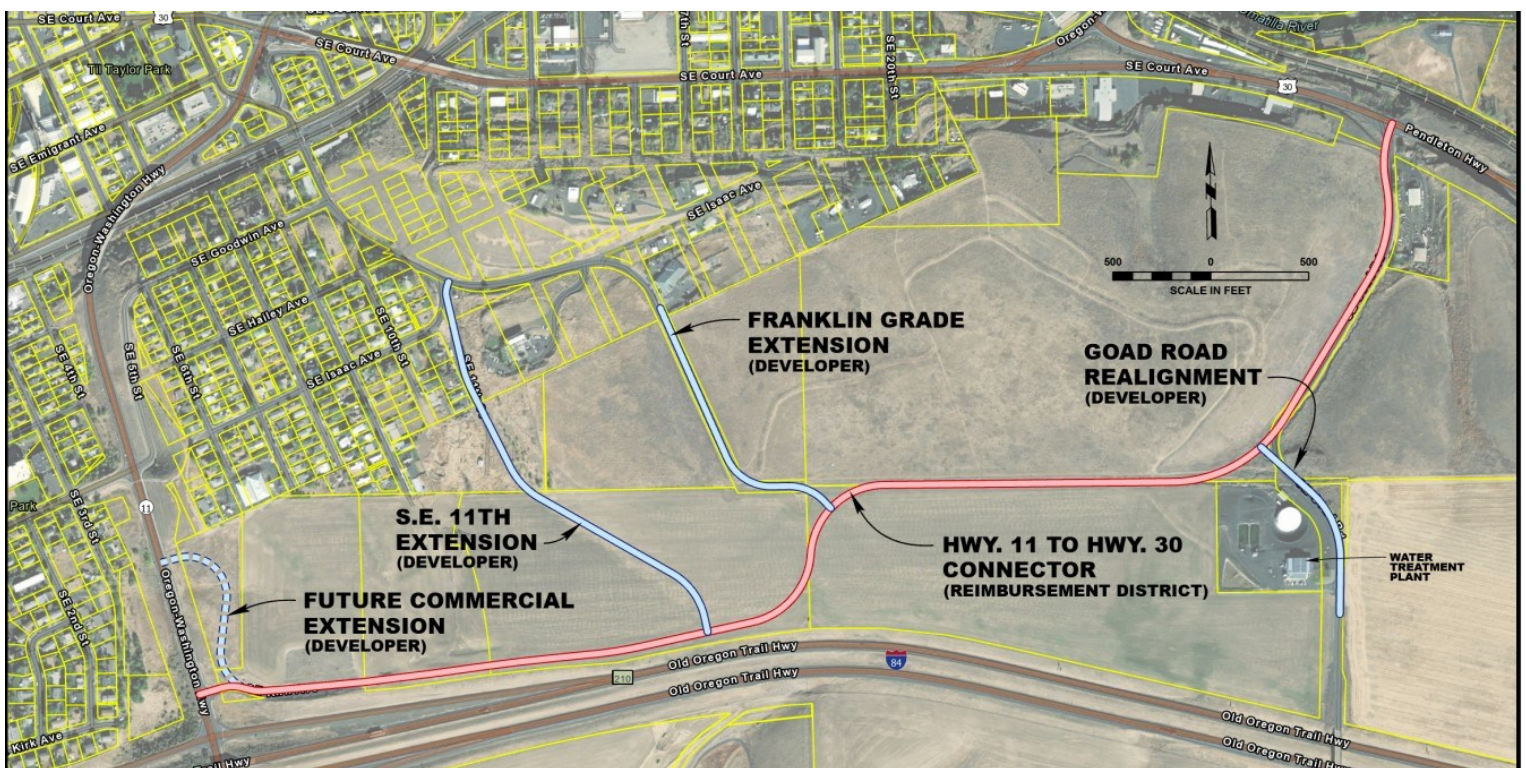
“Building more housing has been one of Pendleton’s top goals for the past seven years,” Mayor John Turner said. “In 2024, we submitted to the Legislature a detailed funding request for help with building a road in eastern Pendleton that would open about 250 acres for new housing projects. I am pleased to report that on 4 March, the Legislature approved SB 1530, which includes \$ 4 million for this road and housing project in Pendleton. This is a huge victory for the city and I want to thank Senator Hansell and Representative Levy for their enthusiastic support for this project.”

Commonly known as the Rees-Goad Project and the Highway 11/30 Connector Road, the City has been working for a number of years to build a new street that would link Oregon Highway 11 and Oregon Highway 30 through a large parcel of undeveloped property in southeast Pendleton near Interstate 84. The new street and related water line will open up 250 acres of land for development.

This week, the Oregon Legislature approved Senate Bill 1530, part of a package to invest \$376 million in infrastructure and housing. Among the items in that bill is a one-time \$4 million General Fund appropriation to support constructing this arterial road in Pendleton. The funding will be allocated to ODOT for distribution to the City, and it will cover a large portion of the cost to build the connector road.

The estimated cost to complete the entire connector road project is \$10 million. The City previously received \$1.5 million in federal funding for the Highway 11/30 Housing Expansion project in 2023, and the remaining expenses will be funded through the City’s Water Fund capital outlay and State Revolving Funds. Some City costs will also be recouped through the East End Reimbursement District, which will allow future development to reimburse the City for some of the expenses in building the road and necessary water system upgrades.

The City of Pendleton has received interest from developers looking to provide workforce housing and commercial development in the property once it is accessible.



GRAVEL PICKUP

BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 11

LOOK FOR THE **YELLOW** SIGNS WITH **RED** LETTERING TO ANNOUNCE CREWS WILL BE MOVING TO YOUR AREA.

Pendleton Public Works crews will begin 2024 winter gravel pickup on Monday, March 11

As work progresses, crews will set out yellow signs with red lettering that indicate sweeping is being done in the area.

When the signs are placed in an area, residents and visitors should park vehicles off the street whenever possible to allow the mechanical sweeper to work. Once a sweeper has passed through an area, vehicles can be parked in swept areas; however, drivers should be aware the sweeper may make several passes of a street before all gravel is removed.

The mechanical sweeper has a limited holding space, and when a sweeper is full, it will leave the area to empty the gravel at the city shops before returning to continue work in the target area.

The gravel pickup order for 2024 is tentatively set:

- McKay neighborhood
- Sherwood neighborhood
- Rice/Blakey neighborhood
- Tutuilla Road and surrounding area
- Grecian Heights neighborhood
- Sunridge area
- South Hill west of Main St
- South Hill east of Main St
- North Hill above Despain Avenue
- North Hill below Despain Avenue
- Airport Area

There's always something to do in Pendleton



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

A full sweep of the City of Pendleton where gravel has been applied takes four to six weeks to complete using a rented mechanical sweeper.

For regular sweeping of the streets, the city owns and operates a vacuum sweeper, which does not work as well for gravel pickup. It typically takes between eight and 12 weeks to vacuum sweep all the streets.

Upcoming Events & Activities



It's time to level up your gaming and your dance moves. We will have tons of awesome video game themed activities in the Rec Center gym and a digital dance party in the Foundation Room. There will be light snacks and refreshments. Join us for some epic fun!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Ages: Sons 5-14 years old (age restrictions due to the activities that will be provided)

Date: April 27th, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Location: Recreation Center

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City of Pendleton

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



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.

Note: Walking for Wellness will be 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. during spring break (March 25-29) to accommodate spring break camp

Pendleton Aquatic Center

SEASON POOL PASSES



Season pass - any age

\$50

Early bird:

February 12-March 31 20% discount

April 1-June 7th at 4pm 10% discount

visit our website to learn about

**LEARN TO SWIM
PROGRAM**

&

**SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION**



Season Dates:

OPENING DAY: JUNE 8TH

HOURS: DAILY NOON-8PM

Questions?
541-966-0228
[jeff.hamilton@ci.pendleton..or.us](mailto:jeff.hamilton@ci.pendleton.or.us)



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!

March 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm

For ages 12-18



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. Applications are available on the city's website, at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, or by calling (541) 966-0201. Completed applications must be returned to human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. 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. Applications are available on the City of Pendleton website, at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, or by calling (541) 966-0201. Completed applications must be returned to human.resources@ci.pendleton.or.us. The position is open until filled.

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE / ENGINEERING DESIGNER

The City of Pendleton is seeking candidates for an Engineering Associate/Engineering Designer position in the Community Development Department. This position requires thorough knowledge of principles and practices of civil engineering including modern methods of design and basic land surveying for the design, layout, construction, and maintenance of public works infrastructure. Must be skilled in making engineering computations, estimates, and designs and have experience using AutoCAD 2020 or newer, MS Word, MS Excel, and other computer applications such as email and internet. Experience is also desirable with AutoDesk Civil 3D 2020 or newer. Familiarity with ArcView, ArcGIS, or other engineering design or modeling software is not required but would be desirable.

The salary range is \$6,156 - \$7,565 per month plus excellent benefits. Applications are available at <http://pendleton.or.us/employment> or at the Human Resources Office at City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5:00 pm on March 22, 2024.

UTILITY WORKER

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

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