



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

May 2024

IT IS BUDGET SEASON

Most local governments in Oregon have to adopt a budget by the end of June per State of Oregon budget law. Oregon operates on a fiscal year that runs July through June. Local governments generally build their budgets in the early spring and then have their budget committees approve them in late April or early May. On 14 May, the City of Pendleton's budget committee approved its budget for fiscal year 2025, which begins on 1 July. This budget will now go the City Council in June for adoption. What is in it?

Most public budgets have a General Fund and several different "Special Revenue" funds (in which I will lump together for the sake of simplicity, our other funds for debt service, capital projects, enterprises, internal service, and agencies), These "special funds" can only be used for their specific purposes. For FY 25, Pendleton's total budget is just under \$110 million and the General Fund is just under \$22 million.

The General Fund pays for the city's operations. It pays for police, fire, parks, recreation, the Municipal Court, the cemetery, the Aquatic Center, and the Planning/ Community Development department. About 39% of the revenues in the General Fund come from taxes and special assessments. Other major sources of revenues are licenses and permits, intergovernmental transfers, and charges for services. Police and Fire departments account for the largest expenditures, with each costing about \$7 million, or nearly 60% of the General Fund.

We have 21 Special Revenue Funds, and I will only talk about a few of the larger funds. A big chunk of our street maintenance budget comes from state revenues, and I am pleased to note that we are projected to spend nearly \$4 million on street maintenance and renovation in FY 25. Our library gets much of its funding through the Umatilla County Special Library District, and so it is an example of a special fund. The city transportation program, the Convention Center, the new Center for Innovation Excellence, the system development fees fund, and the Parks Trust Fund are other examples of Special Revenue Funds.

Other important funds are for debt service (our general obligation bond for the new fire station is the only line item here), a capital projects fund, and enterprise funds that keep our water, sewers and airport in good repair.

I believe it is important to note that Pendleton has a healthy budget for the coming fiscal year, and, unlike many other cities in Oregon, we are not cutting services to balance the budget. At a time when the cost of doing business, from salaries, street repairs, building maintenance, and supplies is going through the roof, Pendleton is coping and prospering.

The election is coming very soon. Exercise your right to vote!



John Turner
Mayor of Pendleton

COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 4

City Council 7 pm

June 18

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 I	541-969-6744
Carole Innes	Ward I	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



Uh Oh - the scammers are at it again!! This time, Pendleton Police Department has received reports that Chief Byram himself is calling you! Although he is a friendly man and involved in our community, he would not be calling you asking for money or threatening to take you to jail.

Often times, these scammers will provide you with a known officer's name or make up a case number all in order to scare you or make you panic and this may cost YOU money! Most people are aware of it, but get caught up in the moment and sometimes the scammers can be VERY convincing and persistent.

Here's what you need to do...HANG UP! Don't give them any information and call our department immediately and we can verify the validity of the call.

Goat Watch 2024

The calendar has turned to May, and we're getting questions about when the goats will be out on the River Walk.

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.

Although the goats have arrived in Pendleton, they are not yet easily accessible for viewing. We will begin our regular "Goat Watch" posts once the goats arrive along the Umatilla River Parkway (the levee/river walk). 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.



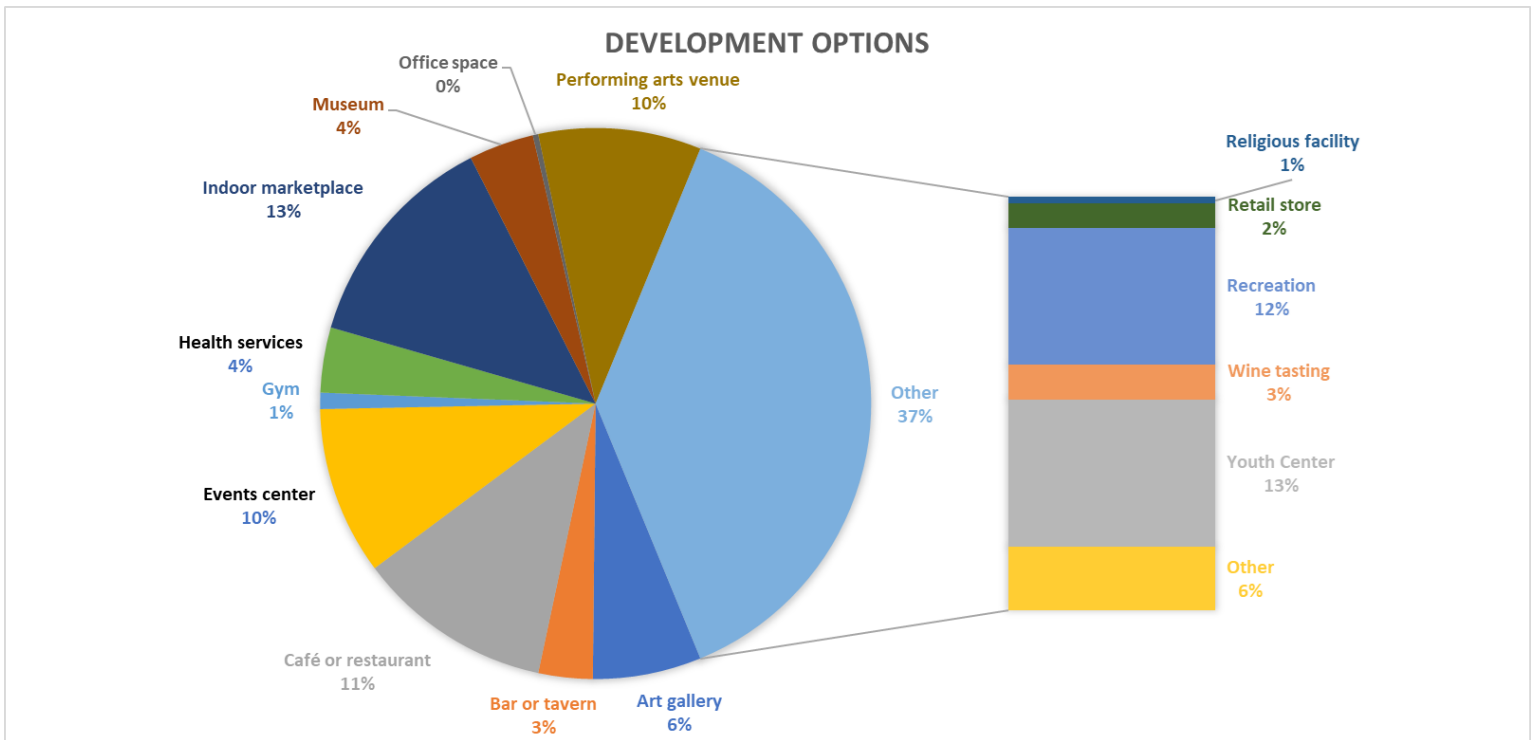
Christian Science Building survey now open

Survey available online or in print form

The Bisnett family of Pendleton recently donated the building at 13 SW Byers Ave., to the City of Pendleton. Built in 1926, the unique building on the Umatilla River and Main Street that was once a church for the Christian Scientists. This building is adjacent to SW Byers Avenue, which in the past was included in a design for an event plaza, part of a larger plan to connect downtown Pendleton to the Umatilla River.



The City is seeking public input on the future of this building.



Learn more! Attend the free open house information session from 4-7 p.m. on May 22 at the Christian Science Building. More information about the building is available on the Project Page at <https://www.pendletonprojects.com/node/216>.

One of the survey questions asks participants to choose the three development options they'd most like to see the Christian Science Building become. Here is a result snapshot of surveys so far:

Want to provide your input on what developers the City of Pendleton should consider for the building? Find the survey at <https://pendletonor.gov/community/webform/christian-science-building-survey>

Help the City in its planning for this building, and please answer these questions. This survey will close May 31, 2024.



NEW & IMPROVED BILL PAY SERVICE

The City of Pendleton offers online and autopay options for paying utility bills. The options are user-friendly, convenient, and free!

AUTOPAY

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:

1. Complete the form on the right and return to us
2. Bills are paid automatically from your checking or savings account on the due date
3. Once you are enrolled, you will continue to receive your monthly statement, which will state AUTO PAY

You can withdraw anytime by contacting us at least 10 days prior to your due date.

PAY ONLINE

Online payments are easy and convenient:

1. Visit
<http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor/utilities> or scan the QR code below
2. Register to save payment information or use Quick pay
3. Pay your bill

PAY BY TEXT

Paying your bill can be as easy as sending a text message through Pay by Text:

1. Call 1-877-386-6122 and sign up for Text2Pay
2. Customers will receive a text message when a new bill is available to pay
3. Reply "Pay" to make a payment

Questions? Call us at 541-966-0207

www.pendletonor.gov



Upcoming Events & Activities



LET'S GLOW GIRLS

MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE
JUNE 8TH, 2024
SUNRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tickets on sale now! Purchase through our website
or give us a call 541-966-0228.

Let's GLOW girls! It is time for the annual Mother Daughter Dance event and this is going to be the best one yet! Put on your best neon or white attire and come ready to dance the night away. We will have black lights, glow sticks, a photobooth, glow-in-the-dark temporary tattoos, desserts, and the best of the best party jams! The dance will be taking place at Sunridge Middle School Gym. Tickets are limited so register soon.

Knitting in the Library



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.

Don't miss out on any events!
Follow **Pendleton Public Library**,
Pendleton Parks and Recreation
and the **City of Pendleton** on
Facebook!

Lego Party

It's almost time for Summer Reading and the Pendleton Public Library is so excited about it, they're throwing a P-A-R-T-why? Because it's almost time to Lego of the stresses of the school year and pick up that next literary adventure!

Join us at our Summer Reading Kick-Off "Lego Party", where families can engage with Lego building activities, grab a slice of pizza, and register for some of our AWESOME Summer Reading events that are coming up before all the spots are taken!

Saturday, June 1st
10AM - 12PM
All ages welcome

Upcoming Events & Activities



Pendleton Parks and Recreation's Summer Adventure Camp is back Summer 2024!

We will be hosting our summer camp exclusively at Community Park. With over 40 acres to explore and play, we have the ability to program some awesome activities for your camper. We will be using the soccer fields, disc golf, basketball courts, 2 playgrounds and the softball fields for unlimited possibilities for games.

This summer we will be hosting camp Monday – Friday, and we will have weekly trips to the Aquatic Center and library. There is also no more extra cost for your camper to go to the Aquatic Center, that is included in the price of camp. We will also be having some special guests on Wednesdays at camp.

Lunch will be provided through Sodexo. You're always more than welcome to provide a lunch for your camper. We will also provide an afternoon snack. Groups will be formed by age and families will be notified on the Friday before camp which group their camper is in.

We will not be taking buddy requests for this summer; your campers will have a chance to see all their friends at camp this summer since we will all be at the same park. Register now as space is limited.



INDIGENOUS AUTHORS
BOOK CLUB

featured author
Tommy Orange
(Arapaho/Cheyenne)

Join the Pendleton Public Library for the first Lucá Tímaš Book Club meeting. The first indigenous author featured is Tommy Orange (Arapaho/Cheyenne), whose debut novel "There, There" won the American Book Award (2019) and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Award. The Book Club will be reading "There, There", with the option of reading the follow-up novel "Wandering Stars", for those that want to stay for an extended discussion of this one story. You can pick up copies of both books from the Pendleton Public Library or in digital format on the Libby app. No registration. Snacks provided

Thursday, June 13th at 5pm.

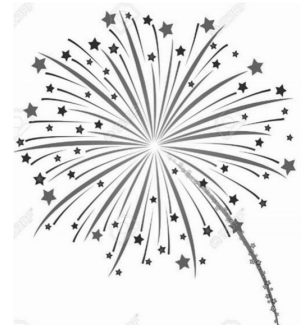


Multiple elected offices for the City of Pendleton will be on local ballots for the May election. The candidate that receives the most votes in each race will take office in January 2025, or, if no person receives a majority of the votes cast in a specific race, the two candidates who receive the most votes will run for election in the General Election on November 5, 2024. Elections will be conducted by mail. Ballots are due May 21.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATIONS IN PENDLETON**

**PENDLETON'S FIREWORKS SHOW
THURSDAY, JULY 4TH @ 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 4th, 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 4th 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

Pendleton Aquatic Center

SEASON POOL PASSES



Season pass - any age

\$50

Early bird:

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



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!

May 31, 2024 at 6:00 pm

For ages 12-18



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@ci.pendleton.or.us.

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE SPECIALIST

The City of Pendleton is accepting applications for a full-time Office Specialist 3 position in the Public Works Department. The position performs secretarial administrative assistance for the Public Works and Community Development Departments. Duties include: preparing bid documents for public works projects, composing letters and compiling reports requiring comprehensive knowledge of departmental policies and functions and state public bidding requirements/laws; maintaining various departmental records and monthly reports; related work as required. Requires skill in office administration and organization, as well as oral and written communication skills and computer proficiency. Requires High School Diploma or GED and at least 1 – 3 years of office experience. An Associate Degree or a Business College certificate in a related field is preferred, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

The salary range is \$4,037-4,968/month plus excellent benefits. Open until filled.

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 with first review May 31, 2024.

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.

Summer employment with



Pendleton
PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER SEASONAL POSITIONS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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.

- **SUMMER CAMP RECREATION LEAD** – With the direction of the Recreation Supervisor and Coordinator you will lead summer adventure camp, Movies in the Park, youth sports and other recreation programs. Leads will be the point of contact with program participants and their families. Must have CPR/ First Aid certification or ability to obtain one. Wage \$15.50-\$17.95 per hr.
- **SUMMER CAMP RECREATION AIDE** – Assist the Leads with facilitation of Summer Camp, student enrichment programs, youth sports, movies in the parks, and other recreation programs. Must have CPR/ First Aid certification or ability to obtain one. Experience working with youth preferred. Wage \$13.70-\$15.41 per hr.
- **SEASONAL LABORER** – 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.
- **LIFEGUARD** - Position requires: Current Red Cross Lifeguard Training, Standard First Aid, AED, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, or equivalent training as recognized by the American Red Cross or State. Must be at least 15 years of age. Wage \$13.20-\$14.20 per hr.
- **SWIM INSTRUCTOR/LIFEGUARD** - Requirements same as above plus must have Water Safety Instructor certification. Must be at least 16 years of age. Wage \$13.20-\$15.20 per hr.
- **SWIM INSTRUCTOR AIDE** - Position requires: Current Red Cross Lifeguard Training, Standard First Aid, AED, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, or equivalent training as recognized by the American Red Cross or State. Must be at least 14 years of age. Wage \$13.20-\$13.95 per hr.

Additional Employment Opportunities

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.

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