



# PENDLETON

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

**December 2016**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As we wind up the year there will be new faces on the City Council with a new Mayor and two new Councilors.

John Turner will take office on January 3 and has already hit the ground running. Mr. Turner ran unopposed in the May election and since then has been working to understand the priorities of the residents and familiarizing himself with local government issues. At his first City Council meeting he will be proposing four goals to focus the efforts of the City:

1. Sustainable infrastructure funding.
2. Increased economic development efforts.
3. Facilitate the development of lands and properties in the city.
4. Increase availability of housing.

With a background in the military and as former President of BMCC he brings obvious leadership skills to the office.

Dale Primmer will replace Councilor Tom Young as Councilor for Ward 3. He is the Umatilla County Corrections Director and comes with a strong background in management and leadership.

Scott Fairley will replace Councilor Chuck Wood in Ward 2. Scott's family has deep roots in Pendleton. He works as the Regional Coordinator for the Governor and brings with him a great deal of experience with the State of Oregon having also worked with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

I will miss Councilors Young and Wood as well as Mayor Houk. Each of them bring different perspectives on issues we have dealt with over the years. Councilor Young was always a voice for fiscal sustainability and a budget watchdog. Councilor Wood worked tirelessly on a variety of issues from urban renewal to marijuana.

My family and I will always appreciate the relationship we have with Mayor Houk and his wife Kathy. Since we arrived, they have gone out of their way to make us feel a part of Pendleton. In the State of Oregon, our City is highly regarded for work we have done in economic development, tourism, and urban renewal which was regularly promoted by Mayor Houk.

Pendleton is a great City because of the vision of our leaders such as those who are stepping aside at the end of this year. The work you did will have a positive impact for years to come. Thank you for your service.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### January 3

City Council 7pm  
Council Chambers

#### January 10

Pendleton Development Commission 6pm  
Council Chambers

#### January 17

City Council 7pm  
Council Chambers

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phillip W. Houk	Mayor	541-966-0310
John Brenne	Ward I	541-276-2778
Neil Brown	Ward 3	541-276-3407
Jake Cambier	At Large	541-969-2252
Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward I	541-276-9147
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Chuck Wood	Ward 2	541-278-4056
Tom Young	Ward 3	541-310-0351

### CITY OF PENDLETON

Administration	541-966-0201
Airport	541-276-7754
Attorney	541-966-0206
Convention Center	541-276-6569
Community Dev.	541-966-0203
Facilities	541-966-0207
Finance	541-966-0207
Fire	541-276-1442
Library	541-966-0380
Municipal Court	541-966-0209
Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078

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## PENDLETON POLICE

The Pendleton Police Department participated in NO SHAVE NOVEMBER to raise funds for cancer awareness. The idea is to not shave to provoke conversation, opening the dialog about cancer and raise funds. The Pendleton Police had a goal to raise \$2,500 for the cause. They exceeded that goal raising a whopping \$6,424! A special thank you to all who participated and those which supported the cause. (a special shout out to the supportive wives!)



Also, continuing with the philanthropic support of community the PPD participated in "Christmas with a Cop" at Wal-Mart. A number of grade school



counselors identify families in need, in which Wal-Mart donates money to purchase gifts. The officers pair up with a student and off they go!!! The police association



also purchases Christmas dinners for those families.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pendleton Fire Department teamed up with Wal-Mart on Tuesday, December 6th to collect teddy bears to help comfort kids in traumatic situations. The department collected an estimated 200 teddy bears! Thank you to the community for their support!



At the first annual Holiday Stroll downtown our Fire Department enjoyed giving the kids an opportunity to hop on the trucks. Lt.



Wyss and Fire-fighter/ Paramedic Melissa Griffin brought out our Tower. Thanks to the Pendleton Downtown Association for including us!



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

The City of Pendleton is partnering with Blue Mountain Community College for the annual Christmas Eve dinner.

The Dinner will be held at the Convention Center



Blue Mountain Community College

and is free of charge. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 6:00pm. The Dinner is Cooked and prepared by the Students who have served an average of 500 people in past years.



Partnering with the Convention Center will provide the ability to serve everyone. BMCC students not only cook the meal but also get presents for the kids and their parents. Santa shows up to help hand them out. The City is very happy to be a partner with BMCC in this holiday tradition.



For more information you can contact: JJ Hill 1-541-975-4455.

## EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT

Boutique Air has started flights to Portland International Airport (PDX). Fares will start at an introductory rate of \$49. The schedule will feature three daily round trip flights and the schedule can be found online at [www.boutiqueair.com](http://www.boutiqueair.com).

Reservations may be made online or by calling (855) 268-8478.



Merry Christmas from Eastern Oregon Regional Airport & the City of Pendleton



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## PARKS & RECREATION

Thank you once again to the great volunteers who helped with our annual *Breakfast with Santa*. Volunteers showed up from our various city programs, VFW, and PHS student groups. You can see from the reindeer



nose that we had some talented artists from the high school



helping out. There were 290 people who came through the doors ~ an excellent crowd of all ages looking to make memories. continue traditions and enjoy the wonderful pancake breakfast provided by the VFW.



## PUBLIC WORKS

A warm thank you to our Public Works Road Department for the job well done, in being ahead of the weather and providing safe roads and walking conditions as



we welcomed the first storm of the year. *With more winter on it's way, here are a few winter driving reminders;*

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Drive slowly
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds
- Know your brakes
- Don't stop if you can avoid it
- Don't power up hills. ...
- Don't stop going up a hill. ...

# COFFEE with the CITY

8-10 am

**POSTPONED FOR JANUARY**

This time is for the City Manager to meet with community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community. City Manager Robb Corbett invites you to join him for coffee and conversation. Join Robb at Hamley's Café on February 1.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

### COMMUNITY ELVES LIGHT UP THE CITY

The start of the holiday season is marked by the annual installation of festive lights and decorations along Main Street and landmarks around the city. This is a long tradition supported by the City of Pendleton, Chamber of Commerce, and many community volunteers to pull off.

Every year dedicated volunteers gather the Thursday before Thanksgiving, painstakingly checking to ensure that all lights are in working order in advance of hanging. The next morning members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) load up their trucks and distribute wreaths and ornaments to various locations around town, closely followed by business organizations that have generously committed staff and special equipment to install the decorations high over streets and significant sites. Our Fire Department takes on the responsibility of hanging wreaths on light poles along Main Street. Once the new year commences, a day is spent doing these activities in reverse. It takes many volunteers working alongside City staff to pull off this holiday tradition, and we are grateful for these “elves” that help the City of Pendleton showcase the holiday spirit.



Special thanks go out to the following: **Pendleton Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors · Gordon’s Electric · Les Schwab · Palmers Roofing · Pacific Power · Pendleton Electric · Pendleton Fire Department · Veterans of Foreign Wars**

### NEW CITY VOLUNTEERS

Bank of the West    Sean Bentley    Jared Bieker    Donna Biggerstaff    Gabriel Campbell    Leslie Carnes  
Cornerstone Community Church    Wind Eagleheart    Justin Giesen    Danielle Gutierrez  
Brandon Krigbaum    Philip Schmitz    Les Schwab    Jennifer McGee    PHS Soccer Team    RJ Skaggs  
Daryl Stephenson    Kevin Van Dorn

### 2016 CAPTURED VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



### COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Pendleton appreciates citizens who volunteer their time and energy to make our City a great place to live, work, play and visit.

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee or commission, please find a “Commission Application Form” on the A-Z Index on our website.

### VOLUNTEERS

The City of Pendleton has many opportunities and need for community volunteers! Parks Department, Library, Recreation just to name a few! If you have an interest in volunteering with the City, we invite you to fill out a volunteer application which may be downloaded [HERE](#). Or stop into the administration office and pick one up! Our Volunteer Coordinator is Tiffany Hegarty 541-966-0244.



# CONVENTION CENTER

Steve Lawn, and his family moved to Pendleton from Virginia, to work as the Digital Harvest engineer and drone pilot. As an offshoot of the Future Farm project, Steve has been working on a ground based robotics project for the last four months. The project, which is proprietary, involves virtual reality, agriculture and robotics. Students have been able to use virtual reality technology to operate a robotic arm, and also view a new driver-less vehicle that recently arrived.



On an interesting side note, Steve

has been helping out the PHS robotics team, and he is proud to share that Eastern Oregon has the largest robotics competition league in the State. They boast over 70 kids and they meet for competitions at the Pendleton Convention Center every couple weeks. Steve is trying to encourage the kids to move into programming them to be autonomous, in addition to just building and manually controlling them.

<http://pendleton.k12.or.us/announcements/2014dec09/robotics-competition-teaches-high-tech-career-skills>

# DECEMBER @ THE LIBRARY

## Author Reading: Judith Quaepts

Thursday, December 1st 6:30pm at the Prodigal Son  
Judith will read from her new book and answer questions about her writing. Great chance to meet this local author and purchase the book.

## Hour of Code

Tuesday December 6th 6:00-7:30pm in the Community Room. Kids of all ages can learn simple computer coding to do a bunch of cool stuff. There will be computers to use, or better yet, bring your own device. All ages welcome.

PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
502 SW DORION AVE.  
PENDLETON, OR 97801  
**HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm  
Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm  
(541)966-0380

## Technology Petting Zoo

Saturday, December 17th @ 2:00pm  
Registration Required  
Curious which device is right for you? Come test drive our iPad, Kindle and Android tablet. Our tech expert will be on hand for guidance.

## Adult & Teen Color Club

1st Wednesdays @ 5:30pm  
Dec 7th in Library Meeting Room  
Bring something to work on or do sheets provided by the Library. Bring your pencils if you wish.



## OSU MASTER GARDENERS: BEEKEEPING

Tuesday December 6th 7:00pm in the National Parks Program Area. Yes, it IS December, but we will be learning about beekeeping so we can plan how to bring bees into our gardens!  
Speakers: Bob & Tami Pace

## Claus-trophobia

Wednesday, December 28th  
11:00am-8:00pm  
A holiday-themed escape room!  
Register early for your 20-minute experience. A family event!

## Weekly Computer Courses

Beginner's Computers  
Wednesdays @ 3:00pm

## Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm in the Library Meeting Room. The public is encouraged to attend!

## Author Talk with Sarah Woodbury

Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:00pm  
Sarah will read from her newest book in the Outpost in Time Series as well as discuss living and working as an indie author.

## DIY @the Library

Tuesday Dec. 27 @ 6:00pm  
Winter Crafts are the order of the evening. In the Library Meeting Room we will make an ornament and other cold weather crafts. Attendance is limited to 10. Call 541.966.0380 to register

## SANTA STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Listen to holiday stories and visit with the big guy in red! Join us on Wednesday, December 21, at 6:00pm at the Library.

For more information 541-699-0380



CITY OF Pendleton  
PARKS & RECREATION

ACTIVITY GUIDE  
FALL / WINTER  
2016  
REGISTRATION BEGINS ONLINE 9/2 IN OFFICE 9/6



## ACTIVITY GUIDES AVAILABLE

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The Roy Raley Ice Skating Rink is now open! Admission is \$2.50 to bring your own skates or \$3.50 with skate rental. The ice rink is open 7 days a week. Monday-Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 3-8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday Noon to 8 p.m. Concessions available during open sessions.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK** December 19- January 1 Open 12:00pm-8:00pm

The Ice Carnival will take place on Monday January 16th, a school holiday!  
The Ice Carnival is a day of games and prizes with lots of free skate time.