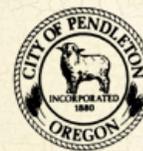


City of Pendleton

Volunteer Newsletter Spring 2013



PIONEER PARK REBUILD UPDATE

As many of you know, plans to rebuild the beloved playground at Pioneer Park have been underway for several months and it is set to take place from June 19th - 23rd. The Pendleton AAUW and the Steering Committee -made up of city volunteers- have been working hard to raise money and finalize plans for the structure. The majority of the work crew will be made up of community volunteers with skills in carpentry, food preparation, childcare, and organization. Volunteers ages 12-17 may volunteer with parent signature, and parents with children ages 4-11 will have the option to bring them along, as a childcare area, away from construction, will be available free of charge. Meals will be provided onsite for all volunteers at the end of their shift as well. The committee also requests the use of ladders, wheelbarrows, hand tools, and power tools; if you are willing and able to lend some tools for the duration of the project, they will be returned to the rightful owners after the structure is complete. Please call Shaun Ford at 208.867.8790 to donate the use of tools. For more information, or to be a part of the effort to restore the playground, please visit www.pendleton_parksandrec.com/rebuildpioneerpark, sign up at pendletonconnect.org, or call volunteer coordinator Chuck Wood at 541.310.7306.



Neighborhood Revitalization Pilot Project

During the week of May 12-18th, City employee Aniko Drlik-Muehleck will lead volunteers in a huge clean-up effort in downtown Pendleton in the area within SW 4th and SW 9th, between SW Frazier and SW Emigrant Ave. The purpose of this effort is to revitalize the neighborhood by helping residents fix up existing houses while simultaneously building a stronger community and increasing civic pride. We can find jobs for volunteers aged 7 and up (this would make a great youth group project)- especially with the following skills:

- Landscaping & Gardening
- Interior & exterior painting
- Gutter & window cleaning
- Good at fixing misc. household repairs
- Ability to do some heavy lifting

You may sign up by contacting Aniko directly at: 541.966.0248 or through pendletonconnect.org- a great new online resource where volunteer opportunities are posted by local non-profit agencies. A block party potluck will be held on Sunday, May 19th for all who participated; please bring your signature dish to share!



Speaking of Pendleton Connect...

Just wanted to fill you in on the next big thing to hit Pendleton! Pendletonconnect.org is a newly-launched website designed to bring local non-profit projects and volunteers together. Site-approved organizations can register and post needs for volunteers that they have in order to help accomplish their mission. Individuals can register and search the posted volunteer jobs or choose to be notified via email when something of interest to them becomes available. The City of Pendleton will be utilizing Pendleton Connect to increase community awareness and participation in our volunteer program. The volunteer coordinator has already been busy posting current opportunities to the site, so if you have the time and ambition to lend a hand, find the City of Pendleton postings (or another worthy organization's) and sign up to help out for a cause that needs you!

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

Volunteer Appreciation Party 2013

I think it's safe to say that a good time was had by all who attended this 4th annual event! The evening opened with the musical talent of Cindy Powell (pictured below), Lori Brogoitti & Melisa McDonald- who all generously volunteered their time to play for us. Mayor Houk was in the house for opening remarks and took time to thank and visit with all the volunteers personally; and let's not forget the amazing, expansive dessert buffet, all generously donated by local businesses. Awards were distributed to the Volun-



teers of the Year: Brian Roe (Parks & Rec), Karen Odman (Library), and Ken & Sally Abbott (Police Station). Presidential Award recipients were Judi Zoske & Louise Rice (Parks & Rec volunteers), Karen Odman, Linda Senter & Pam Helseley (Library), and Sally Abbott (Library and Police), all of whom received the bronze award for donating between 100-250 hours during 2012. Tikhon Gilson earned a silver award for donating 408 hours to the Library, and Tom Laird earned the gold award for his 539 hours served at the Pendleton PD.

A generous grant from Wildhorse Casino funded the long-term service rewards: a name tag and volunteer lanyard for volunteers who had donated a total of 50 hours or more; 17 individuals earned official Pendleton Volunteer T-shirts for more than 100 hours; Linda Senter, Tikhon Gilson, & Tom Laird received sweatshirts for their 500+ hours of service, and Tom Laird was also presented with a one-of-a-kind jacket for volunteering a total of 1,925.5 hours at the Police Station and City Hall since 2010.

Thanks to all of our 2012 volunteers, and to children's librarian Jennifer & my husband Jacob for helping at the event- I couldn't have  pulled it off without you!



Parks & Rec Volunteer of the Year Brian Roe (center) with son Matthew & daughter Trista

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities!

We have so many volunteer needs right now! Please contact Erin at 541.966.0244 or erin.bradyc@ci.pendleton.or.us if you or your group want to help with one of the following:

- **Library Technical Services Volunteer:** volunteers are needed for 2-10 hours per week to mend and prepare items for shelving by using basic office equipment, manual dexterity, and good skills in grammar. Perfect for someone that likes paper crafting, and has some time!
- **Mother-Daughter Nite:** Parks & Rec is hosting this new event on May 17th at the Vert Club Room and is in need of volunteers from 5:30pm-9pm to staff refreshments, help with BINGO, give manicures, lend a hand with craft projects, and clean up.
- **Hershey's Track Meet:** 4 Volunteers are needed to work at the PHS track from 8:30AM-1:00PM on June 1st to register participants, post results, distribute ribbons, etc.
- **Big Truck Day at the Children's Library:** 2 volunteers are needed to help with construction vehicle-themed crafts & an obstacle course on June 28th from 12:30-4:30PM.
- **Farmer's Market Volunteer:** on a few Friday evenings at the Pendleton market this summer, the library needs a volunteer to set up a booth to inform the public about library services.
- **National Night Out:** At Roy Raley Park on August 6th, several volunteers and groups are needed in the afternoon/evening to serve food, do face painting, run game booths and be of general assistance at this fun family event.
- **Movies in the Park:** volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, pre-movie kids activities, take-down and clean-up at Community Park on Saturday evenings, June 29th-Aug 3rd.
- **Children's Library Helper:** a volunteer able to help the children's librarian 2-3 hours per week is needed to help plan activities, prepare materials, and assist with the children and teen Summer Reading Programs.
- **Adventure Camp Junior Leader:** 2-4 teens, aged 14 or older, are needed to assist with crafts and games at either Pioneer or Community Park Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm, June 24 -Aug 1. Volunteers may choose to work 2-5 days per week.
- **Library Coordinator for Homebound Deliveries:** the library is seeking committee members to take over the planning and implementation of adult programs at the library. If you are a self-motivated volunteer interested in designing educational, informational and interesting programs for adults in the community, please sign up!
- **Library Coordinator for Special Delivery Program:** a volunteer is needed to reach out to individuals in the community who are unable to visit the library and coordinate volunteers to deliver library materials to them every 3 weeks.

Welcome, new volunteers! Lea Nunamaker, Seth Nunamaker, Rajiv Bhardwaj, Tetiana Bhardwaj, Rina Reeder, Tricia Towne, Karen Licurse, Judy Severin, Susan DeMarsh, Melissa Price, Marychris Athanacio, Sophia Smith, Susan Swearingen, Nicole Deatherage, Kim Talarico, Tom Phelan, Rick Rhode, John Burdett, & Miah Rueber