



Summer 2013



Volunteer Newsletter

Pioneer Park Rebuild

As many of you know, the Rebuilding of the Pioneer Park play structure last month was a huge success! Despite unseasonably cool, rainy weather throughout the week (sometimes it was just downright miserable!), volunteers came out in full force, many with tools in hand, to help with the rebuild effort. Chuck Wood, the volunteer coordinator for the project, did a great job spreading the word throughout the community of the help needed and the tools desired for the project. All 12 or so of the steering committee members (including city employees, persons affiliated with AAUW, as well as “ordinary” members of the community- who are obviously anything but), began meeting and planning last November, also recruited their friends, family and neighbors to the effort, and many took a week off from their paid jobs to be on site the entire week- most working 12-14 hours each day. The devotion of time that these individuals gave and continue to give to the project, is truly inspiring. Since November,



the 12-member committee alone has donated over 2,175 hours of their time to the project, giving up many evenings and weekends leading up to “build week” to ensure the success and completion of Pendleton’s most popular playground. Besides Chuck, Shaun Ford, Michelle Goad, Jane & Steve Hill, David King, Marty King, Niki Naughton, Guy Post, Stacey Simpson, Kim Talarico, & Deb Whitaker were all instrumental in making Pioneer Park what it is today.

The volunteer efforts of citizens throughout our community and beyond were inspirational as well. Eight members of the Carpenters Union drove up from Salem, Portland, and Renton, WA to help when they heard about the need on the news. About a dozen volunteer workers were recruited to be “Team Captains”; devoting 12 hours or more each day during the week, these captains helped to organize and coordinate volunteers of all ages and abilities. Many other volunteers who had previously signed up for one 4-hour shift during the week stayed for 8 hours or more, and/or came back day after day to contribute their skills to the project. In total, 670 volunteers put

effort’s outlined previously).

The goal of the rebuild, of course, included a brand-new, sparkling playground and happy kids on opening day, and for years



to come- all of which became a reality. But many volunteers experienced other benefits, too, including meeting new people, reconnecting with old friends, and gaining a great sense of accomplishment and a stronger sense of pride in the community.

While a devastating fire destroyed the original Pioneer Park Playground last October, citizens of Pendleton came together to create something even better: a fire-resistant structure with better sight lines, new play features, and once again, a restored faith that great things can happen when this community works together.

Near the end of the week, I overheard a volunteer remark that the project reminded him of a “Phoenix, rising from the ashes”, and I cannot think of a better way to describe the transformation of Pendleton’s Pioneer Park myself. More pictures are posted at: <http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com/rebuildpioneerpark>



Summer Happenings at the City!



Kids created fingerprint cards at National Night Out Aug. 6th



Hershey's Track Meet



Treasure Hunt at the library!

Upcoming Volunteer Requests!

Contact Erin if you or your group would like to help! 541.966.0244; erin.brady@ci.pendleton.or.us

- **Adult Library Program Committee members** needed: help create fascinating and fun programs for adults!
 - **Halloween Carnival** : October 31st
- **Lego donations** are needed for the Lego Club at the library
- **Barbie party**: makeover artists needed September 26th, 4pm at the children's library

Please keep an eye out for the volunteer survey in your inbox! Your participation is greatly appreciated!

*Erin Brady,
Volunteer Coordinator*

Lisa Patrick,
Recreation Supervisor, wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped with Spring/Summer events- your help is very much appreciated!

WELCOME, NEW VOLUNTEERS! ☀️ **TRISTA ROE** ☀️ **JOAN ROE** ☀️ **AMANDA HURTADO** ☀️ **LARRY LEHMAN** ☀️ **JONATHAN FARMER** ☀️ **MADALYN UNDERWOOD** ☀️ **VIKI LANGE** ☀️ **MICHAEL VESCIO**

Fiscal Report July 2012 - June 2013

Each year, the Volunteer Coordinator prepares a report that includes the numbers of hours and people who volunteered for the City of Pendleton programs. This year's numbers are astounding- in part due to the volunteer efforts put forth during the Pioneer Park Rebuild, of course, but even without those figures, Pendleton volunteers made for some impressive numbers! See below for statistics, facts and figures from July 2012-June 2013!

Volunteer Program Statistics

- Number of City departments that used volunteers: 7: Airport, Administration, Finance, Library, Parks & Rec, Police, & Public Works
- Number of positions held: 44 (4 new positions were created throughout the year)
- Number of newly registered volunteers: 81 (does not include Pioneer Park Rebuild volunteers)
- Total number of individual volunteers who donated their time during the year: 131
- Number of groups that volunteered: 36
- Total number of volunteers involved with the Pioneer Park Rebuild: 676
- Total number of hours volunteered to help rebuild the playground at Pioneer Park's (PP): 9,348.75
- Total number of hours volunteered throughout all city departments (inc. PP): 14,684.15
- Total value of volunteers (calculated at \$8.95 -Oregon's current minimum wage- which is an undervalued rate for many of the jobs done by our skilled and talented volunteers): \$131,423.14!