

CITY OF PENDLETON

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pendleton Friends of Library Book Sale (2nd week of October)
- Halloween Carnival and Dance (October 31)

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING BUT NOT SURE WHERE? WE CAN HELP FIND A GOOD MATCH FOR YOU. CALL 541-966-0244 FOR MORE INFORMATION

City of Pendleton volunteer applications are available at the library or <http://pendleton.or.us/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities>

NEW VOLUNTEERS

MARISSA CARLOS

MICHAEL DEHART

JOHANNA GROSECLOS

KIMBERLY MARTIN

ELIZABETH MCFARLAND

JENNIFER MINTHORN-DAVE

JESSE MINTHORN-DAVE

RDO EQUIPMENT

BETH STEINMETZ

NATHAN VAN DUSEN

TY WOOLSEY

Volunteer Newsletter

SUMMER 2014

CITY HONORS VOLUNTEERS DURING ANNUAL EVENT

City of Pendleton volunteers were celebrated at the annual Appreciation Party held in May at the Foundation Room in the Recreation Center. Volunteers who had served in city departments during 2013 were invited to enjoy a dessert buffet and musical entertainment provided by the talented Pendleton Ukulele Players prior to an awards presentation honoring outstanding service.



Mayor Houk opened the evening with remarks recognizing the great value of service provided by citizen volunteers. He acknowledged the magnitude of hours given by the community members that help to make Pendleton a great place to live. In 2013, 153 volunteers and multiple community groups worked with City staff in seven departments, providing a value of over \$300,000 in services to Pendleton. Additionally, over 670 volunteers put in an astounding 7,200 hours to rebuild Pioneer Park, restoring a valuable community asset.

Four volunteers were recognized with "Volunteer of the Year" awards. **Tom Laird**, a previous recipient, was surprised by his award from the Police Department who again nominated him for his outstanding commitment and work ethic. Tom has volunteered with the City since 2010. After retirement he was looking for ways to keep busy. He heard of the opportunity to support the Police Department with clerical work, and after a lifetime of hard physical work, sitting in an air conditioned office shuffling computer files was appealing and he thought the environment would be interesting. Tom likes that he is helping the community while keeping himself busy during retirement doing something he enjoys. The Police Department is thrilled to have Tom back after a short hiatus. "Thomas is great – he is more dedicated than any volunteer that's ever been a part of our team" says Police Assistant Dianna Anderson, "He never misses a day and on a rare occasion when he does he'll call. He takes it very seriously. Even when Tom was having health problems, he would stop in just to say hi – he's a big part of our operations!"

Tom and Maxine Tangney, Volunteers of the Year nominated by the Parks and Recreation Department, have been active volunteers for the City for more years than records are available. Tom's famous pancake batter is now a staple for the annual Breakfast with Santa, and they have together bagged thousands of sacks of candy for the Halloween Carnival held at the Convention Center every year. Recreation Supervisor Lisa Patrick greatly appreciates Tom and Maxine for all they do to organize and lead the effort to plan and recruit other volunteers for these special events. They are active members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and have been involved in many programs benefiting the community. Both have been honored as Pendleton First Citizens (Tom 2006, Maxine 2010), and find great satisfaction helping people, volunteering together, and becoming more acquainted with the area's youth. "Volunteering comes naturally to us", states Tom, "Our folks did it, and it's just something we do."

In honoring library volunteer **Pam Helsley**, Interim Library Director Mary Finney remarked "We were

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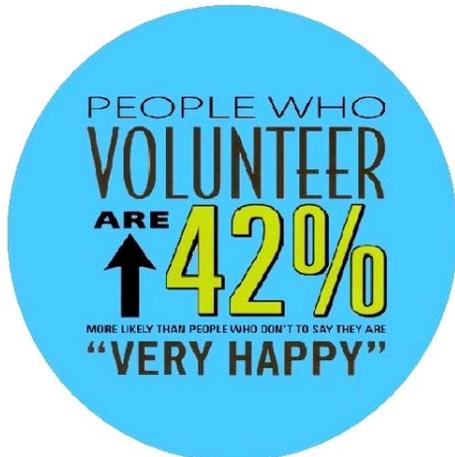
Pioneer Park Rebuild steering committee volunteers received Presidential Service Awards

City Volunteers Honored (cont'd)

pleased to select Pam as the Library Volunteer of the Year. Pam does a huge amount of cleaning for the library. She actually volunteered to do the cleaning. One doesn't think about how dirty books and audio/video cases can get until you check in a few hundred a day. And, they need periodic cleaning, one time just isn't enough. Pam also cleans the tables which are in almost constant use. She has been a real help in making the library a clean and enjoyable place. Thank you so much, Pam." As an avid reader and former school library volunteer while in high school, Pam found that volunteering for the Pendleton Library was a good fit for her. "I like the people, both staff and patrons, they are all so interesting". She celebrates four years of service working among the books.

Fifteen volunteers qualified for the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards, a national award that recognizes the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities. Volunteers qualify for these national awards based on the number of hours of service over a 12-month period. Receiving the Bronze award for service of 100-249 hours were **Sally Abbott, Louise Rice, Brian Roe, Miah Rueber, and Linda Senter**. **Tikhon Gilson** received the Silver Award for 392 hours of service in the library. Steering committee members for the Pioneer Park Rebuild were recognized for their many hours spent on the project: **Shaun Ford, Michelle Goad, Steve Hill, Karen King, Niki Naughton, and Guy Post** all received the Bronze Award. **David King, Marty King, and Chuck Wood** received the Silver Award. These individuals received an official certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States, and a volunteer service award pin presented by City Manager Robb Corbett.

The City appreciates all the generous citizens who give of their time and skills, working together with city employees to deliver quality programs and services to our community. Thriving communities are built on volunteers who care, and Pendleton has those in spades as evidenced at this event.



Multiple studies have shown that people who volunteer have overall greater life satisfaction, enhanced wellbeing, and lower depression. If you are looking for more of a personal incentive to volunteer, it seems that people that volunteer are happier! If you want to try out this theory, the City of Pendleton has volunteer opportunities for you.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator

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National Night Out 2014

A record number of community members celebrated National Night Out at a new venue this year, the Pendleton Aquatic Center. Organizers estimate 2,000 people enjoyed the festivities hosted by the Pendleton Police Department. The evening is an annual event designed to strengthen police-community partnerships and neighborhood spirit. As evidenced by the large turn out and the sheer numbers of hot dogs and cotton candy consumed, the night was a big success. Volunteers played a large role by promoting the event, spinning and serving cotton candy, and cleaning up the Aquatic Center post event. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers that pitch in to support fun community events like National Night Out.



1,870 Cotton Candy cones were served by volunteers at National Night Out

Pendleton Public Library

Teen Advisory Council

Pendleton Public Library is starting a Teen Advisory Council, a volunteer group for teens by teens to assist in planning and developing meaningful teen programs and spread the word about what is happening at your library.

Requirements:

- * **Must be in grades 8 – 12**
- * **Must have a library card in good standing**
- * **Available one Tuesday evening per month for Council Meeting**
- * **Participate in one library program per month**
- * **Commitment of one year**

For more information contact:

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