



CITY OF PENDLETON

Winter 2013 Volunteer Newsletter



A Note From Erin

Volunteering has been a part of my life for several years, and yet I'm always surprised by how good it makes me feel and how much positive energy I take from each experience.

Last month, my husband & I had the opportunity to go to Todos Santos, Mexico to help revitalize the population of sea turtles through a conservation organization. At night we patrolled the beaches and relocated newly-laid turtle eggs to an insulated hatchery (the temperatures during the winter months are too cold for the eggs to hatch outside). Days were spent watching over the nests and keeping a lookout for hatchlings, answering questions and educating the public about the project. At sunset, we released the baby turtles into the ocean amid hundreds of spectators cheering them on. Often, the public was shocked to learn that all 6 of us workers (the others were from New York & Germany) were volunteers, "sacrificing" our vacation to work with the turtles. I smiled each time I heard this and thought, if making new friends, staying in a warm, beautiful place, and watching an endangered species take their first breath was a sacrifice, I'm not clear on the definition!

As volunteers, you already know that the old adage is often true: you often get back more than you give. And this trip was certainly no exception.

Wishing you a Happy New Year full of fun & fulfilling volunteer experiences!



Erin Brady, Volunteer Coordinator

For more information: todostortugueros.org

I volunteered in Costa Rica in 2006 with pretoma.org

Volunteer Program Receives Wildhorse Foundation Grant

Recently, volunteer coordinator Erin Brady received some great news regarding a request for a grant from the Wildhorse Foundation: The City of Pendleton Volunteer Program was given \$1,000 to purchase official apparel for current volunteers who have contributed 100+ hours of their time. The city employees know they are lucky to have so many dependable, long-term volunteers to help the city achieve countless tasks, and are excited to now have a way to acknowledge the most dedicated volunteers. The city truly could not offer many of the services that we do, and would be under-staffed without the help and dedication of volunteers.

The clothing will be awarded to the deserving individuals at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party- see article below for details on that event. Stay tuned for the Spring 2013 Volunteer Newsletter for a list of volunteers and their earnings!

Volunteer Appreciation Event

It's time once again for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party! Each year, the staff that works closely with the City volunteers set aside an evening to honor and thank you all who have worked so hard to improve services to Pendleton residents. This year our party will be held at the Foundation Room (in the basement of the Helen McCune Gymnasium, 510 SW Dorion) on Wednesday, March 13th at 6pm. Please bring a guest! We will kick off the evening with live music and enjoy desserts donated from the local bakeries. Distribution of Presidential Service awards and volunteer appreciation apparel will follow. It is sure to be a fun evening, so don't miss out!

If you plan to grace us with your presence, please RSVP to the online invitation you may have already received, or call Erin at 541.966.0244 so we are sure to have enough goodies for everyone! Gluten, dairy and sugar-free treats will all be available; please let Erin know if you have any additional dietary requests. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer's of the Year 2012!

Well folks, the departments have spoken— here are the most outstanding volunteers for 2012!

Parks & Rec: Brian Roe can be counted on to help out with any Parks & Rec event and does so with a great attitude. He has also earned \$1,000 for the dept. through Wal-marts VAP program (\$250 for each 25 hours he gives).

Police Department: Ken & Sally Abbott have done a lot of physical hard work to make the Pendleton Police Department's landscape look great.

Library: Karen Odman, who not only works a lot , but does a good job and recruits other people to volunteer!

Volunteer Group of the Year: PHS National Honor Society, led by Schelle Bixler. NHS members donated 110 hours to Parks & Rec events this year and are very dependable and helpful. Advisor Schelle Bixler is excellent at communicating between students and city volunteer coordinator.

Please come to the Volunteer Appreciation Party on March 13th to help us honor these extraordinary volunteers!!!

Three cheers for our New Volunteers!

Kali Lene
Iris Zamudio
Kadysha Reyes
Alexandra Reyes
Kendall Rosario
Suzann Bigham
Janet Casareale
Mark Saracco
Erika Scott
Alisha Himes
Dan Chichester
Richard Nichols

“Thanks to all who have helped with the Halloween Carnival, Santa’s Breakfast and the Daddy-Daughter Dance...your service is invaluable!”

-Lisa Patrick, Parks & Rec

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for something to do or look forward to, to pass those cold, gray days? Contact Erin, the volunteer coordinator, at erin.brady@ci.pendleton.or.us if you’re willing to help out for any of these upcoming events :

- ◆ The Library is seeking a Technical Services volunteer for 10 hours per week– perfect for someone that likes paper crafting, and has the time!
- ◆ Parks & Rec is in need of a regular volunteer for approx. 10 hours per week willing to do a variety of tasks as an assistant to Lisa Patrick
- ◆ Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run– April 5th
- ◆ Mother-Daughter Nite (specific activities TBD) – May 17th

Stay Active with help from Pendleton Parks & Rec!

It’s hard to stay in shape during the winter– but Parks & Rec have lots of solutions! If you haven’t already browsed the Winter Parks & Rec brochure, they are free and can be picked up at the P & R office on Tutuilla Rd, or at the library, or view offerings online at: www.pendletonparksandrec.com. They’ve got activities for the whole family, many of which are free and require no pre-registration– just drop in! Take a look at a sampling of the schedule below and contact P & R with any questions you may have at 541-276-8100. While you’re there, thank the volunteer(s) who open up the gym and make it possible! Here’s to a healthy new year!

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Walking for Wellness	M-F thru May	9:00-10:00 am	McCune Gym: 510 SW Dorion
Adult Open Gym (18+)	Sundays thru 6/9	6:00-8:00 pm	McCune Gym: 510 SW Dorion
Disc Golf Tournaments (ages 15+)	2/16, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/15	2:00-5:00 pm	Community Park, Hole #1
Open Gym Special Needs	Sundays	Noon-1:30 pm	McCune gym: 510 SW Dorion



Walking for Wellness Participants