

CITY OF PENDLETON

UPCOMING
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

•Ski Bus Chaperones
(January)

•Daddy Daughter
Dance
(February 7th)

INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING BUT
NOT SURE WHERE?
WE CAN HELP FIND A
GOOD MATCH FOR
YOU.
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volunteer applications
are available at the
library or [http://
pendleton.or.us/
volunteer/volunteer-
opportunities](http://pendleton.or.us/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities)

NEW
VOLUNTEERS
WILL BARKER
BMCC AMBASSADORS
HALEY BRADLEY
DAPHNY CHEN
LAURA GAUTHIER
GIRL SCOUTS #50052
AMY HOUTAKKER
RYAN LACEY
DAVID MAHER
JILL SCHULZE
KATHI SCHULZE
BROOKE ZANDER

Volunteer Newsletter

WINTER 2014/2015

Volunteering as a Resume Builder

Many volunteers who sign up with the City of Pendleton are in between jobs or looking to re-enter the workforce. What most don't realize is that volunteer service is often a stepping stone to their next job. Employers are increasingly looking at volunteer work when evaluating job candidates. A recent survey by LinkedIn, a professional networking site, found that 41% of employers said they considered volunteer work as important as paid work, and 20% said they made a hiring decision based on volunteer work.

Mary Finney, Interim Library Director, has had many volunteers in the program hired into permanent positions. "It is noteworthy that four of our current staff began with the library as part-time library aides and have advanced. When a library aide

position opens, volunteers who apply bring first-hand knowledge of the work involved. Having had the advantage of seeing the volunteer's abilities and work ethic is very helpful when making a hiring selection. The volunteer is often, not always, selected for the position."



Last year a young attorney approached City attorney Nancy Kerns about the possibility of volunteering to gain experience and be mentored in the courtroom. He credits this experience with helping him advance his career with a new position.

Building Inspector Ty Woolsey was hired by the City in a competitive application process after months of volunteering in the building department, during which time he was concurrently working to gain credentials needed to make a career switch from construction. Volunteering with Building Official John Lindstrom before applying for the position helped Woolsey to realize the position would be a good fit.

Entry-level and teen workers with no or minimal work experience can emphasize their volunteer work on job applications, listing volunteer experience in the work section and putting "volunteer" as the job title. Highlighting communication, planning and leadership skills all help an applicant stand out. While navigating a tough job market, volunteering can make a difference.

Skating Party for City Volunteers January 9th



City of Pendleton volunteers and their family members are invited to come take a spin at the Roy Raley Ice Rink on Friday, January 9th from 6-8 pm.

Enjoy free admission and skate rentals on this night reserved for our city's most generous citizens!

Hot chocolate and a blazing bonfire will keep you warm, even if you choose to watch from the sidelines.

Bring your family and enjoy a fun evening at one of our city's best winter outdoor gathering places.

2014 Halloween Carnival



Volunteers filled hundreds of candy bags and ran activity booths for the event

The City's annual Halloween Carnival at the Convention Center was attended by over 1,200 community members this year. 60 volunteers helped to make this a fun and safe event for families. City volunteers were joined by community groups including Kiwanis, VFW, Pendleton High School Leadership Class, Domestic Violence Services, Triple S 4-H, BMCC Ambassadors, PHS National Honor Society, PHS FFA, Helix Key Club, Kiwanis, and PHS ASTRA.

Thank you to all that helped to make this large event run so smoothly.

Santa's Helpers at Annual Holiday Breakfast



Continuing a beloved Pendleton tradition, on Saturday, November 29th Santa welcomed the community in for a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by VFW members. Families who attended were treated to a tasty breakfast before participating in various holiday crafts and activities run by volunteers. Children were able to have a private session with Santa to reveal their wants and wishes, captured in photos by family members.



Volunteers generously contributed 133.5 hours of time to ensure that the families of our community had a wonderful morning kicking off the holiday season.

