



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

November 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

We want to be the premier city in eastern Oregon. While every town is special, we find value in a conversation that challenges us to continuously solve problems and attain a higher and higher quality of life.

For example, many would argue that to be a premier City we have to have good roads.

A year ago the City asked the citizens to support a 5c local gas tax which was defeated 2 to 1. This tax would have raised an estimated \$550,000 for road preservation of which 45% would have come from people who did not live here but were travelling through. Using travel data which says that the average motorist uses 372 gallons of fuel per year, a resident who gets 20 miles per gallon and drives 15,000 miles would have paid \$3.13/month.

Before the City instituted the \$5/month utility road fee, one hundred percent of road maintenance was paid for by gas tax received from the State of Oregon. This revenue is recognized everywhere as being inadequate. The monthly fee is estimated to raise \$480,000/year. The money has been used to start on a list of road repairs expected to be completed in 2017.

The City Public Works Department uses a company called Capitol Asset and Pavement Services, Inc. to provide us with a pavement condition report, *Pavement Management Program Budget Options Report*. This document can be found on our website here:

http://www.pendleton.or.us/sites/pendleton.or.us/files/File/public_works/water/15apr-BOR-Pendleton-FINAL.pdf

This report accurately inventories the condition of our roads and provides financial information on the cost of maintenance. Further, it explains “best practices” in road maintenance. Generally, streets have a 20-year life cycle if properly maintained. If maintenance does not occur, street conditions deteriorate rapidly requiring costly overlays and reconstruction. One example given by another city shows that the 30-year cost to the community for a street properly maintained was \$1.89M. That same street, not properly maintained had to be rebuilt costing that City \$3.092M.

The problem of road maintenance in Pendleton has not gone away. It is hoped that the City can earn back the public trust by showing results with the utility fee we are paying, and gain your support for adequate street maintenance funding in the future.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 6

City Council 7pm
Council Chambers

December 13

Pendleton Development Commission 6pm
Council Chambers

December 20

City Council 7pm
Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phillip W. Houk	Mayor	541-966-0310
John Brenne	Ward I	541-276-2778
Neil Brown	Ward 3	541-276-3407
Jake Cambier	At Large	541-969-2252
Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward I	541-276-9147
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Chuck Wood	Ward 2	541-278-4056
Tom Young	Ward 3	541-310-0351

CITY OF PENDLETON

Administration	541-966-0201
Airport	541-276-7754
Attorney	541-966-0206
Convention Center	541-276-6569
Community Dev.	541-966-0203
Facilities	541-966-0207
Finance	541-966-0207
Fire	541-276-1442
Library	541-966-0380
Municipal Court	541-966-0209
Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078

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LIBRARY UPDATES CHILDRENS READING AREA



If you have not been in the library in the last six months, you will be surprised by the updating which has taken place in the children's area.

May be time to stop in and check out the National Park Themed Program Space which is finally complete and looking "oh so inviting." Grab the kids and stop in for a visit and a book!



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—
Thursday
10AM to 8PM
Saturday
10AM to 5PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Pendleton Convention Center hosted 1,343 trick or treaters at the annual Halloween event hosted by the City. This event is made possible by the financial support of donors and the 102 volunteers.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

The Pendleton Police Department is joining the fight against cancer as they **Let it Grow!**



Each day, 22,000 people die from cancer worldwide. There's a good chance that someone you know and love will be affected by this disease. No-Shave November's mission is to not only raise funds for cancer research and treatment but to educate the population about preventative measures.

Police departments in Pendleton, Hermiston and Walla Walla are participating, each with a goal of raising money for the cause in a fun competitive manner.

The Pendleton Officers also worked hard to earn tips while working as servers at Hamley's. All tips were donated to the American Cancer Society. Thanks to Hamley's and our PPD for doing great things!



PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



City of Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts was presented with a Public Service Award at the Oregon Peace Officers Association for his work with Intermountain Education Service District to address school safety in our region. Over the course of several months, Chief Roberts visited 18 school districts and provided recommendations to enhance school safety in the event of an incident on the school grounds.

VOLUNTEERS

The City of Pendleton has many opportunities and need for community volunteers! Parks Department, Library, Recreation just to name a few! If you have an interest in volunteering with the City, we invite you to fill out a volunteer application which may be downloaded [HERE](#). Or stop into the administration office and pick one up! Our Volunteer Coordinator is Tiffany Hegarty 541-966-0244.



EMPLOYEES NEWS



Casey Brown returns to us from Lawton Oklahoma. A native of Eastern Oregon, Casey is excited to return to her roots as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Pendleton Parks and Cemetery Departments.



Rawley Faircloth joins our Parks Department as a Utility worker. Rawley is a 2013 graduate from Weston-McEwen High School and lives in Weston.



Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic **Adam Wilkinson** for successfully completing his Paramedic probation. Adam has been with the City since July 1.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON IN DOWNTOWN PENDLETON



Celebrate the Holiday season with downtown Pendleton! Stroll through Main Street admiring the winter window displays while drinking complementary hot cocoa and enjoying holiday carols performed by local musical groups.

Pendleton Music Company will have additional music and Pendleton Book Company will be having a read-aloud for children.

The Pendleton Fire & Ambulance will provide a fire truck for children to enjoy while Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon makes sure that Santa has an appearance!

If you are a Main Street business who would like to be involved Send an e-mail to: downtown.pendleton@yahoo.com or call (541.304.3912) to be a part of this holiday season!



NEWEST BRONZE ON MAIN STREET

The City of Pendleton proudly unveiled our newest bronze, AURA GOODWIN RALEY By Jerry Werner. "Mother of Pendleton" 1829-1913 is located on the 300 block of Main Street. The Chief Burke Statue will be unveiled on Saturday, November 19th at 1pm on the 100 block of S. Main.



VOLUNTEERS

The City of Pendleton appreciates citizens who volunteer their time and energy to make our City a great place to live, work, play and visit.

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee or commission, please find a "Commission Application Form" on the A-Z Index on our website.

COFFEE with the 
8-10 am CITY

Join City Staff at Hamley's on Monday, December 5

This time is for the City Manager to meet with community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community. City Manager Robb Corbett invites you to join him for coffee and conversation.

Mark your calendar today!

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT



With December quickly approaching we are getting excited about our partnership with Boutique Air! Boutique Air will provide an Essential Air Service route—the only one in the Northwest—which is a valuable asset to our region.



Boutique Air will begin flying in December serving Eastern Oregon—please watch both our website and Facebook for official start date.

To learn more about Boutique Air visit their website here: <https://www.boutiqueair.com/> or phone Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at 541-276-7754

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join Santa, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26th. The doors to the recreation center are open for this event from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.



The VFW serves up a great pancake breakfast and Santa is available for photos!



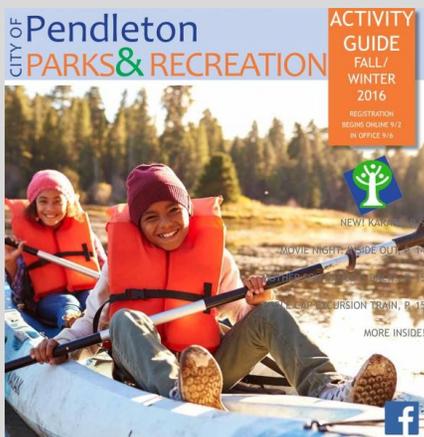
He loves to have his photo taken with the kiddos! Balloons, face painting and a simple craft project are also a part of the morning's festivities. Admission is just \$3

PUBLIC WORKS

SW 13th Street Stairway; Council is wrestling with the decision on what to do with this stairway as it has deteriorated to the point of being closed. Staff estimates it will cost \$200,000 to replace. A plan was proposed to improve a pathway that exists and was constructed for a sewer line that flows down to SW 12th St. The pathway could be improved to include hand rail and paving or could remain primitive, but would allow a safe way off the hill. Staff has worked with the Council to identify an engineer who might be more experienced in repairing the existing stairway. This will be on the next Council agenda in December.

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ACTIVITY GUIDES AVAILABLE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Ice Rink is scheduled to open Thanksgiving weekend.

The rink opens Saturday November 26 from noon – 8 p.m.

Admission including skate rental is \$3.50. Admission only is \$2.50.

Saturday is Family Day with \$12 total admission charge.

Regular hours Monday – Friday, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon – 8:00 p.m. Holiday hours: open noon – 8:00 p.m. Dec.21 - Jan 1 and closed December 25.