A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Challenges and Progress

As we enter the season for building next year’s budget, we will become increasingly focused on how to spend our limited resources. The City’s PERS obligation remains the biggest drag on the budget. In the coming 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, it is anticipated that the City will need to spend hundreds of thousands of additional dollars on PERS. You have read previously in this column that the City Council is also determined to spend more money on the repair of streets, water lines, and buildings. There is never a shortage of requests for funding other worthy projects, whether it be from our public safety leaders, the Downtown Association, home builders, the industrial park, or civic groups.

There are a few bright sources of new revenues for our budget. The airport and its UAS range continue to make a turnaround. For at least the next fiscal year, the legislature has provided the resources to pay the salaries of our test range leaders. As the state dollars begin to recede, the revenues from the range will be used to replace them. We continue to recruit new customers and the fees they pay to use the range and rent hangars and offices will be plowed back into placing the UAS range on a solid financial footing. At some point in the future, we expect the airport to pay off its debt and contribute to the City’s general fund, but that will have to wait until we are positive that the range is self-sustaining.

Much has been said about the unexpected windfall of taxes from marijuana sales. Suffice it to say that the City will have no problem spending this money on the myriad of needs that are already present. The City has a good track record of winning grants from both the State and Federal governments, and more applications are in the works.

On a positive note, progress is evident. Our new fire station will break ground in May. New houses and duplexes are popping up around town, and our planners talk to interested builders on a weekly basis. The 8th Street Bridge construction will finally begin this spring, along with new water line projects. Tourism remains strong. Progress is always slower than we would like, but we are indeed making progress.

Again, on behalf of the City Council and all of us who work for the City of Pendleton, I want to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who work on our various boards, commissions, and committees. Your contributions are the key to our progress and our quality of life.

John Turner
Mayor of Pendleton
COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 6
City Council  7pm
Council Chambers

March 13
Pendleton Development Commission 6pm
Council Chambers

March 20
City Council  7pm
Council Chambers

FOR A FULL LIST OF MEETINGS VISIT
http://www.pendleton.or.us/

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Community Dev.  541-966-0203
Facilities  541-966-0201
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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visit our website at
http://www.pendleton.or.us

PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER

March  1 - 3  State 2A Basketball*
          7  Youth Leadership Conference
          9 - 11 Pendleton Gun Show *
         14  City – Safety Training
         16  Happy Canyon Suitcase Party
         17  Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet & Auction*
         19  Irish Dinner – World Youth Fundraiser
        24 & 25  Jehovah’s 16 – Spanish Speaking

For more information visit our website at:
www.pendletonconventioncenter.com

PENDLETON MOURNS THE LOSS OF COUNCILOR JOHN BRENN

Mr. Brenne was the longest-serving member of the council having first been elected in 1978. This was his 40th year as a council member.

Mr. Brenne served on many committees while serving on the City Council. Most recently he was involved in the Affordable Housing Program, the Design and Development Committee which made recommendations on the architectural design of the new fire station, the Library Board, the Budget Committee, Housing and Neighborhood Improvement, Pendleton Development Commission, PDC Goal 2 Committee, and the Transportation Committee.

A fierce advocate for seniors and low-income citizens, Mr. Brenne served as the Executive Director of the Foster Grandparents Program in Pendleton. He was the Project Director of the Senior Companion Program.

As his forty years of service would suggest, he was tirelessly dedicated to the City of Pendleton, and had recently filed to run for another term of office. He could be counted on to be diligent in all that he undertook, and was not slow to volunteer to do more. While not afraid to ask the hard questions, Councilor Brenne was always kind, respectful, and a true gentleman. Mayor John Turner called John Brenne “a warm-hearted individual who always encouraged the Council to consider the human side effects of its decisions.”

Mr. Brenne was a great asset to our City Council and to our community and will be truly missed.

ELECTIONS

The City of Pendleton will hold a Primary Election on Tuesday, May 15th, 2018 for the offices of City Council in Wards 1, 2 & 3 and an at-large position. Each with a four-year term and Candidates must file for office no later than 5:00 pm on March 6, 2018.

For more information click on this link http://pendleton.or.us/city-recorder/2018-election

Join City Staff at Hamley’s Café on Monday, March 5
City Manager, Robb Corbett invites community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community to join him on the first Monday of each month.
**Volunteers**

**Volunteer Spotlight – Pendleton Ice Sports Booster Association**

The Pendleton Ice Sports Booster Club supports more than just the 47 youth that actively participate in the local hockey program. This small organization of seven supports the Pendleton community in helping to ensure the City owned Roy Raley Ice Rink is open every winter. Sharpening skates, maintaining the rink, running concessions, and general clean up are performed by these volunteers as a means of giving back. Kelli Bieker, a Pendleton Ice Sports Booster member, explains, “We run the local hockey program, so it’s of benefit to us that the rink is here. It’s nice to know we are helping kids in the community even for those that aren’t in the program. It’s fun to see people enjoy the rink. It’s another activity for the community.” This year the volunteer group spent over 150 hours at the rink, providing valuable services that support city staff with running this facility. By combining their passion for youth hockey and their community, this group is making a difference.

**February 3 Daddy Daughter Dance**

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped make the 14th annual Daddy Daughter Dance another huge success! Helping staff with the decorations, check in, hosting the drinks and gift tables and assisting the 200 attendees at the photo booth, these volunteers contributed 85 hours of service for the event. Special thanks to Pendleton High School’s National Honor Society, Kiwanis Club, and City volunteers Lizzy Evans, Jutta Haliewicz, Victoria Edmonds, Jose Rodriguez, and Dianna Melton.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

Ongoing: Document Scanner: Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration)

May 12 All Comers Youth Track Meet: Registrants, Activity coordination.

**New Volunteers**

Gary Crowder, Timothy Engblom, Rick Jackson, Alyson Kennedy, Ryan McLaughlin, Jodi Primus, Jamie Sawyer, Brent Spencer, Shelby Talman, Marcy Waterland

**Volunteers Needed**

Interested in volunteering but not sure where? We can help locating a good match for you. Call 541-966-0244 and speak to our Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Hegarty. City of Pendleton volunteer applications are available at the library, City Hall administrative offices, or can be downloaded here.

**Survey**

The Pendleton Downtown Association is working with the Pendleton Development Commission to learn more about how people in Pendleton shop. With this information we will continue to refine our efforts to attract the best shopping options to downtown Pendleton. To help us, just click on the link below or enter it in your web browser and complete our survey. You’ll also have the chance to enter yourself into our drawing for one of five $100 downtown shopping sprees!

https://survey.pendleton.or.us/cgi-bin/rws5.pl?FORM=ShoppersSurvey
ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION OPENINGS

The following job opportunities are available with the City of Pendleton:

- Utility Worker I
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Convention Center Laborer
- Parks and Recreation Aides and Instructors

You may apply online at www.pendleton.or.us/employment

Or by picking up an application in the Administrative office located on the second floor of City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue.

The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, or any other category protected by law.

PARKS & RECREATION

MOTHER SON DANCE What all the moms have been waiting for! We are hosting another mother and son dance for K-5th. This exciting night will consist of semi-formal moms and sons dancing the night away. The $12.50 per person registration cost includes tickets to the dance and a commemorative photo of the evening. This night is such a special treat that we do not want anyone to get shut out, so register early. The 200 person limit fills up fast. Location: Rec Center, Helen McCune Gym, Saturday February 24; Register before Monday February 19, K-5th grade, Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm

HANDSTANDS AND CARTWHEEL WORKSHOP A one-hour workshop focused on breaking down the basic components of a cartwheel and handstand so young gymnasts can master these skills in an easy to master learning sequence. Open to ages 5 and up. Please register by Friday, February 23rd. Location: Vert Little Theater, Thursday, March 1, 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old Time: 5-8 years old: 5:30-6:15 pm 9-12 years old: 6:30-7:15 pm Fee: $8

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN: CUPCAKE WARS Bake it! Decorate it! Eat it! This will be a truly delicious experience. Chef Angie will teach you how to bake a delicious cupcake, help you tap your inner creative self, and show you the techniques necessary to make your cupcake vision a reality. Parents are welcome to participate with their children at no additional charge & having extra sets of hands in the kitchen is much appreciated. Location: Rec Center, Pendleton Foundation Room, Tues April 10; Ages: 10-17 Register by Thurs April 5, Time: 5:45 to 7:45 pm, Fee: $12

WALKING FOR WELLNESS All Ages! Good music, friends, and a classic gymnasium out of the weather. Start your day off right and get walking! Due to the generous donation of time from some walking volunteers, we are now able to offer this program FREE of charge. The gym will be open during hours below unless posted otherwise. Location: Rec Center, Helen McCune Gym, Mon-Fri, except during holidays Time: 8:30 to 9:30 am NO FEE

ADULT OPEN GYM: SUNDAY BASKETBALL Ages: 16+ Ease into another work week with a court-pounding Sunday evening at the Rec Center. Grab a basketball game or two for a great way to stay in shape. Location: Rec Center, Helen McCune Gym, Sundays through May Time: 6:30-8:30 pm Fee: FREE!

WEST COAST SWING Ages: 16+ A unique dance to go with swing music that we all like and has become the #1 choice in swing dancing. West Coast Swing differs from other swing dances that are circular in appearance because WCS is a slotted dance that relates to the tracks of a train. Song suggestions include The Thrill is Gone by B.B. King and You Can Leave your Hat On by Ty Herndon. No prior dance experience is needed, no partner needed to learn, but wear shoes that accommodate turning steps on the dance floor in the gymnasium. Helen McCune Gym, Tuesday, April 3-4, April 24; Register by March 29, Time: 7:30 to 8:30 pm Fee: $24

ARIZONA TWO-STEP Ages: 16+ A fun and easy dance NEW to this area. Suited for the small dance floors because the dance stays mostly in one place but are loaded with turns and patterns. Learn the simple dance steps, how to lead, and how to follow. Songs such as Dance Like Dad Did by Paul Bogart and Harvest Moon by Neil Young are two of the instructor’s favorites for this dance. No dance experience is needed, no partner needed to learn, but wear shoes that accommodate turning steps on the dance floor in the gymnasium. Location: Rec Center, Helen McCune Gym, Tuesday April 3-4, April 24; Register by March 29, Time: 6:15 to 7:15 pm Fee: $24

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FEBRUARY @ THE LIBRARY

**Pendleton Public Library**
502 SW Dorion Avenue
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

**HOURS:**
Monday-Thursday 10am to 8pm
Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm

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**CRAFTERNOONS**
Tuesday’s at 4:15 pm
Each week we will have a new craft.
All materials provided by the library
All Ages Welcome

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**Dr. Seuss Party**
Thursday, February 22 at 4:30pm
Join us for a reading of how Dr. Seuss became Dr. Suess!
We will follow the reading up with fun crafts and a short Dr. Seuss video.

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**EAT HEALTHY, LIVE HEALTHY**
Learn why healthy meals are essential to raising a happy and healthy family and how to plan for the week ahead!
Monday, February 26 at 6:00pm

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**DIY PROJECT:**
**ST. PATRICKS DAY SHAMROCKS**
Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00pm
Attendance is limited to 10.
Please call to register (541)966-0380

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB**
Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00pm
This month’s book: A Wrinkle in Time

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**BULLET JOURNALING**
6pm on Wednesday, February 28
Registration required. Call (541)966-0380.

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**THURSDAY STORY TIME**
Thursday, February 22 at 10:15am
All Ages welcome, no registration required.

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**Author Visit:** Jennifer Costley
Join us as Assistant Library Director by day, Young Adult Author by night Jennifer Costley reads from her newest book and discusses what it’s like to co-write a series with authors living across the country.
Thursday, February 22  6:00-7:00pm
THE CITY OF PENDLETON HAS BEEN SELECTED ALONG WITH 63 OTHER CITIES FOR TREE CITY USA

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. They have achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least $2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

MAIN STREET COWBOYS ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Main Street Cowboys will once again host an annual spring Carnival on Wednesday, April 11 through Sunday, April 15. As in the past the carnival will be located at the south end of Main Street next to the Chamber and across the street in the Eagles parking lot.

VAHANA AND THE CITY OF PENDLETON PARTNER FOR FIRST FLIGHT

A historical moment for both Vahana and the City of Pendleton! On January 31st Pendleton saw the first full-scale aircraft, dubbed Alpha One, reach a height of sixteen feet before safely landing.

Its first flight, with a duration of 53 seconds, was fully self-piloted and the vehicle completed a second flight the following day. For the full story on this exciting event click the link: https://vahana.aero/vahanas-first-flight-a-success-ade26d26ba02

USING YOUR LIBRARY CARD CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

When you check out a book at the Pendleton Public Library, at the bottom of your check out slips, there is information sharing with you how much you saved by checking out the book as opposed to purchasing the book.

According to Google, if your book is a 375-page novel, it's reasonable to ask $16.95 for it. Most average-sized trade paperback novels fall into the $13.95 to $17.95 price range. That being said, this range is true for most books.

An avid reader has the opportunity to save hundreds of dollars in a year utilizing the public library. And if you are a family of readers, the savings could really add up quickly!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR REPORTING

From time to time there are issues in our community which need addressing. If you have the following issues or concerns we have resources for helping you report to those who are able to address them.

Street Lights
If you would like to report a street light outage, you may do so by filing a report here on the City’s website, or at the Building Department at City Hall.

Sidewalks
The Sidewalk Repairs Form is to inform the City of dangers from a damaged sidewalk. This may include large holes (tripping hazards), cement softening and erosion. If you would like to report a repair that is needed, you may do so by contacting the City’s Engineering Department at 541-966-0203.

Potholes
The Pothole Report Form is to inform the City of problem causing potholes.
PENDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS BY INCIDENT TYPE

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