

City of Union News Letter

"Promote rural values, protect local assets and foster community pride"

Office hours: Monday ~ Thursday 10:00 ~ 5:00 Friday 10:00 ~ 1:00
Open during lunch

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Union Carnegie Public Library

Mon~Fri 10:00am~7:00pm
Saturday 10:00am~3:00pm



From the desk of Doug Wiggins, City Administrator

This past month we have observed a cooldown over the last couple weeks. As far as the City, we have been buttoning up some of our outdoor projects and beginning to setup for some of our winter projects. City Hall has been busy this fall cleaning on the upstairs of City Hall and tidying up the records room and other storage areas. It has been quite the transformation upstairs in ridding the storage rooms of outdated materials and cleaning the dust off the shelves.

Many happenings have been going on this past month and City Council has been busy working on many issues. Issues ranging from zoning, fencing ordinances, animal ordinances, ATV's and general City business.

complaints as of late have been predominantly about ATV usage in Union. While we have placed some advertising in the newsletter about the issue, I cannot reiterate enough the rules for ATV usage in Union and have provided them here below (Chapter 70):

- A. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) and nonconforming vehicles may be operated on all streets and roads within the City of Union, that are open to the public, except that the vehicles may not travel on any state highway within the city other than to cross the highway. Snowmobiles are not authorized to be operated on public streets within the city limits, except on officially designated routes established by resolution of the City Council.
- B. ATVs, golf carts and NEVs may only be operated on public streets by licensed drivers, 16 years of age or older. Nonconforming vehicles may be operated by drivers 12 years of age or older without a license.
- C. ATVs must comply with all safety equipment requirements, including sound emissions under O.R.S. 821.030, and with all general motor vehicle operation regulations and rules of the road pursuant to O.R.S. Chapter 811, and general operation pursuant to O.R.S. Chapter 815, with the exception of seatbelt requirements under O.R.S. 815.055 and windshield wiper requirements under O.R.S. 815.215.
- D. Class I and Class II ATVs, must meet one of the financial responsibility requirements under O.R.S. 806.060.
- E. Golf carts, NEVs and other nonconforming vehicles are not required to meet any of the financial responsibility requirements under O.R.S. 806.060.
(Ord. 477, passed 1-14-2002)

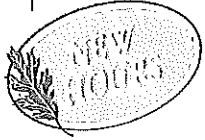
These rules were established to make it safe for residents to get around and enjoy ATV usage within City limits. Additionally, I would like to add that the ATV must be used as it has been designed. Too many times, staff has observed ATV operators on City Streets without proper headwear or riding with excessive amounts of passengers.

Council and City Staff ask that you please ride them safely, as designed to ride, and be licensed and insured when operating on City streets. It could not be stated any better than a fellow resident at last month's Council meeting, "ATV usage in the City of Union is a privilege given by the City Council, it is a privilege I enjoy and I do not want to see its misuse lead to its loss."

Thank you for your time and let's be safe....



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10:00am ~ 7:00pm

Saturday
10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Storytime
Tuesday's at 10:00am

541~562~5811



Be Informed....

Did you know you can receive an agenda of upcoming City Council meetings? If interested contact Tanya at tanyafreeman@cityofunion.com and get on the list today.



Join in the fun, October 31st,
6-7pm!!

Class of 2020 will be selling yummy
goodies too!

On Main Street in front of the
City Park and Library

If you want to participate sign up at the library
or call 541-562-5811

A safe 'trick or treat' for all



Union Sanitation News

For your convenience Union Sanitation has installed a new easier to use drop box for their valued customers.

Union Sanitation is located at 661 S. Gale and the drop box is at the corner of Fulton & Gale.



Oregon Trail Realty

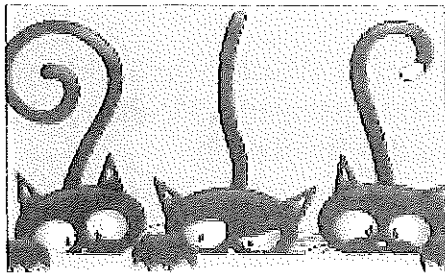
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Realtor



Candy Bowman, Principal Broker

541-786-3164 / Candy@OregonTrailRealty

www.oregontrailrealty.com - to view all of Union County Listings



Yes.... You Can Burn

Burning is allowed beginning October 1st, with a burn permit issued by the City of Union. You can obtain a burn permit at City Hall. Burn permits are \$10.00 and are valid for each calendar year.

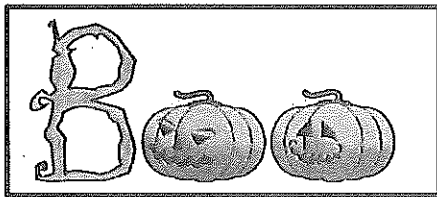
Please remember, you can only burn the following:

- ✓ Dry leaves
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Un-waxed paper and cardboard

ABSOLUTELY NO GARBAGE

All fires must be completely out by dusk.

Violations of burning regulations can result in a citation. Burning regulations are available at City Hall



RATTLE TALE

Coffee & Such

332 S. Main Street
Union, OR 97883

One coupon per purchase

A place to gather for
weddings, receptions, meetings, and other events

SINGLETREE

Farm

309 West Fir St. Union, OR 97883

541.786.0302 singletreefarm18@gmail.com



Time to Fall Back!

Nov 3rd, 2019

Don't forget it's also time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

A smoke alarm is an inexpensive way to protect your family from smoke and fire injuries, but you must take the time to test it to ensure that it's working properly. A properly functioning smoke detector doubles your chance of surviving a fire by warning you of a dangerous situation before it's too late.

While you're up checking your battery every month, also brush or vacuum the alarm to keep dirt and dust out of the mechanism. Never use cleaning sprays or solvents that can enter the unit and contaminate sensors. The general rule is, if your smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it is time to replace it.

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Community Calendar

Interested in City meetings,
Library or Chamber meetings?
You can find meeting times and
places in our Community
Calendar. Always on the last
page of your newsletter.

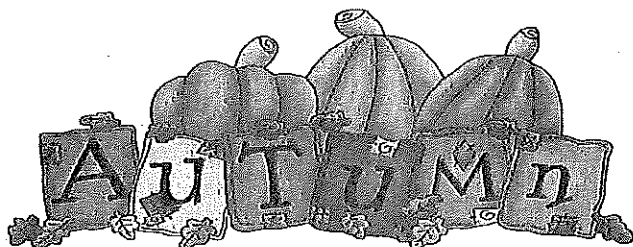
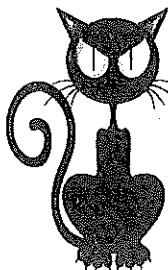
Important Notice

We understand that no parent wants their child riding their bikes, skateboards or scooters on main street. But are you aware of the risks and dangers of your child riding on the sidewalk?

For the citizen of any age, coming out of a downtown business there is a great danger of being hit by someone on a bicycle. Or just think of how your child could be hurt by running into someone, or even a door being swung open into them when they ride by.

The City of Union has an ordinance that states bikes, skateboards, roller blades, and scooters are prohibited on city sidewalks. It is our responsibility to teach our kids to respect laws and rules and that means teaching them they are not allowed to ride on the sidewalks. So, what are your kids suppose to do? Impress to them to walk their bikes when on the sidewalk or show them an alternate route that takes them on the side road just off main street.

The city wants safety for everyone, and stress the importance of following this ordinance.



Union School District Wants You To Know! Project Bond Measure 31-98 Bond Information

Potential Projects include:

- Security - Intercom/Clock/Bell in every classroom, hallways and offices
- Security - Card key access
- Security - Cameras
- Hutchinson School - Roofing, windows, fixtures, furniture, flooring, paint, fencing, sidewalk
- Miller School - Roofing, windows, fixtures, furniture, flooring, paint
- Gymnasium - Roofing, windows, fixtures, furniture, flooring, paint
- Music Room - Roofing, window, fixtures, furniture, paint
- Removal of modular buildings and obsolete duct work in High School
- Miller School - Expansion of Miller Gym, stage, sound system, student based health center
- Miller - Flooring in new gym space with movable backboards, nets, scoreboards, announcement system, and seating
- High School - Repoint brick and creation of a commons area, windows, fixtures, furniture, flooring, paint, lockers and sidewalk
- High School - Resurface front steps and handicap access to area of high school
- Gymnasium - Expansion of foyer with new restrooms, new concessions, handicap access to foyer, bleachers, expansion of wrestling loft
- Gymnasium - New floor, new announcement system, score boards, basket brackets, resurfacing bleachers
- Update heating systems in all buildings
- Resurfacing of High School and Athletic Complex parking lots
- Athletic Complex - Resurface track with curbing inside and outside
- Athletic complex - Two storage building for equipment and athletic supplies

Total project costs \$8,000,000

Funded by this \$4,000,000 bond plus a matching grant with Oregon Department of Education

Want more information?

Contact Carter Wells, Superintendent

541-562-6115 or email carter.wells@unionsd5.org

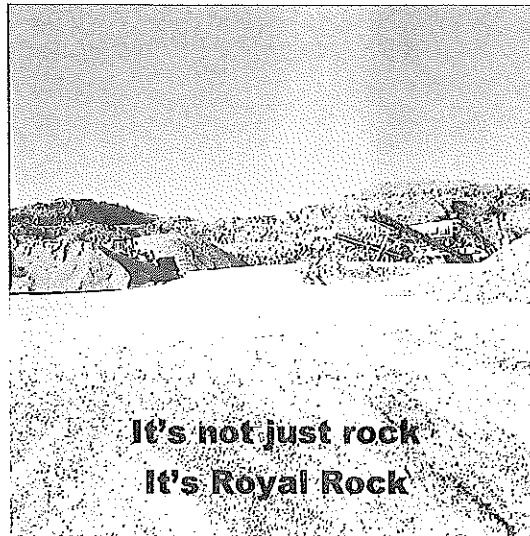
ROYAL ROCK

3/4" minus

1 1/2" minus

4" minus

Between Union & Cove
59679 Hwy 237



It's not just rock
It's Royal Rock

Landscape
Rock

Decorative
Boulders

541-963-6433

Planning Commission Seat Opening

The City of Union has two open seats on the Planning Commission to fill. The Planning Commission is the approval authority for most special use permits, and on occasion is responsible for reviewing site plans and conducts hearing on planning and subdivision applications. The Planning Commission normally meets once a month.



If you are interested in serving your community, this would be a great opportunity!

Applications are available for pick up at City Hall, or call 541-562-5197 if you would like us to email you an application.

BRING AMTRAK BACK TO BOISE & THE BLUES COME TO LA GRANDE TO SEE HOW WE CAN!

SATURDAY, OCT 26TH, 2019
COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2006 FOURTH STREET
LA GRANDE OREGON
10:00am ~ 2:00pm

- ✓ Why we need more trains
- ✓ Advocating for rail in 2020
- ✓ Tell us where and how you would use the train
- ✓ Meeting and joining fellow advocates

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CHECK OUT 'AORTA' AND 'EASTERN OREGON RAIL SUMMIT' ON
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QUESTIONS? CONTACT oregonrail@aol.com

Reminder:

All accounts with a balance of \$50.00 or more on the 15th of each month will receive a \$15.00 late fee.

For your convenience we accept credit/debit cards (a small fee will be applied), we have a payment drop box in the foyer at city hall.

City of Union Roster:

Mayor	Leonard Flint	leonardflint@cityofunion.com
Councilor	Susan Hawkins	susanhawkins@cityofunion.com
Councilor	Leslie McMillan	lesliemcmillan@cityofunion.com
Councilor	Jay Blackburn	jayblackburn@cityofunion.com
Councilor	Matt Later	matlater@cityofunion.com
Councilor	John Farmer	johnfarmer@cityofunion.com
Administrator	Doug Wiggins	dougwiggins@cityofunion.com

READY WHEN YOU NEED US.

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Caution:

It's that time of year when the evenings are getting cooler! Have you been enjoying your wood stove? Just remember....Don't put your ashes in your trash can! It is an extreme danger and could cost you for any damages, both to your home, or garbage truck. Ashes should be placed in a metal container and set outside away from your home and outbuildings, until completely cold.

24/7/365

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

After 60 years, thousands of homeowners have trusted ServiceMaster Restore to restore their homes after fire, smoke, mold or water damage. Our certified technicians are trained, equipped, and ready to restore your home after any disaster, from water in the basement to fire and smoke damage in the kitchen.

When the unexpected happens, you can rely on the quick response of ServiceMaster Restore to handle jobs as large as your entire home or as small as a single room, and restore your peace of mind.

24 HOUR EMERGENCY RESTORATION SERVICES

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- Removing Standing Water
- Drying out Carpets
- Drying out Structural Materials
- Drying out Personal Property

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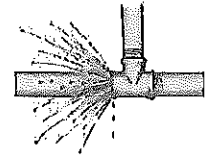
Get ready for winter's wallop!



The Public Works Department wants you to know there are a few things you can do now while the weather is still mild to ward off costly problems this winter. Here are a few suggestions:



- If you haven't had your chimneys cleaned in a while.....this is the time
- Make your house more energy efficient by adding insulation where needed, caulking around windows and doors, install storm windows and repair any cracked or broken windows.
- Instead of scrambling for repairs in the bitter cold of winter after a furnace blows, have your furnace serviced now. Check, clean or replace furnace filters monthly.
- To stop those cold drafts from entering your home, install a door sweep under exterior doors.
- Insulate hot water pipes in your basement or crawl space by placing foam sleeves or heat wrap on them. Even a little bit of ice inside a pipe can cause pressure buildup and eventual bursting or backflow. But unfortunately, you likely won't know there's a problem until that breaking point happens
- Remove hoses from outside faucets and insulate with foam covers.
- Check frost free hydrants for leaks



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to advertise your monthly event or activity email cityhall@cityofunion.com or call 541-562-5197.

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thursday/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30 pm	541-562-5870
City of Union Chamber	2 nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@eoni.com
City Council	2 nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 nd & 4 th Mon of month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-6134
Order of Eastern Star	2 nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1 st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-910-6002
EOLS Board	2 nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 rd Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tuesday of the month	Union Library	3:30 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 rd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 rd Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	4 th Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 rd Tues of the month	Sports Complex	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Planning Commission	3 rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	Methodist Church	12:00 pm	541-562-5675
School Board	2 nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3 rd Tues of month / every third month	Health Clinic	5:00 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 nd Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
W Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1 st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035



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