

# City of Union Oregon NEWSLETTER

"PROMOTE RURAL VALUES, PROTECT LOCAL ASSETS AND FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE"

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**CITY HALL** Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Open During Lunch

**UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY** Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

March 2020

**From The Desk Of**  
*Doug Wiggins*  
City Administrator

It has been a trying month here at City Hall. I don't recall last year being as busy as it has been this year. Currently I have been working on three grants for the City. The first grant is to upgrade our water system by providing backup power and updated system controls. This was identified from a planning grant in 2016-17 and has now finally been able to move forward. This is a much-needed upgrade to our water system and will enable better access to information on water wells and usage. Additionally, it will add backup power and alarms should anything malfunction. The second grant will hopefully replace our walking path lights at the park. Many of the posts as they sit today are being held together with simple construction agents. Their life expectancy has been reached and we are looking to replace and upgrade the lighting to LED to help conserve on our electric bill a bit. Finally, I am working on a COPS grant which will provide money towards paying for designated law enforcement for the City of Union. All of these grants are due coming in March to April timeframe and have made February one heck of a busy month.

The City of Union is moving forward with completing the purchase of a new ambulance this budget year as identified in our budget message. It was estimated we were going to spend around \$180,000 on the ambulance and were able to find a demonstration model with less than 2500 miles on it for \$166,000. The primary ambulance we use now will become our secondary response unit and our current secondary response unit will be sold soon by auction or sealed bid. Additionally, the City of Union was able to enhance its fire fleet with a used Oregon Department of Forestry quick response fire vehicle. This vehicle replaces our extrication unit and can provide water during extrication or provide a fast fire response unit which we commonly relied upon from rural fire before.

The Ranger Station has come along way. We met with the architects and have a rendered drawing that appears to meet the goals of Council for their vision. Now we must just get through some red tape and then can proceed with the renovation of the interior and exterior of the building.

It has been a pleasure and I have been excited, even while busy, while serving the City of Union this past year. So many projects are coming together as we work at moving our small City forward.

**Did you know!**

You know how garbage disposals can smell....and how running citrus rinds or citrus fruits can make it smell so much better!



Well, did you know that citrus also helps the sewer plant! Citrus is a natural degreaser and is very beneficial to the city's sewer plant operation!

So continue to use those citrus fruits in your disposal, it helps you and it helps us too!



**3 GREAT REASONS TO BANK WITH OLD WEST**



Old West will donate \$10 to your local school for each new membership in April!

New memberships in April will also receive a free water bottle!



We literally pay YOU to bank with us!

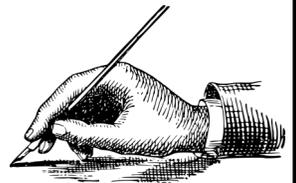
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**COUNCIL CORNER**

Current council topics include

- ⇒ Economic Development
- ⇒ Working towards designated law enforcement
- ⇒ Continued work on updating city charter
- ⇒ 2020/2021 goal settings



City council meetings are held every second Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Almquist Chambers located at City Hall. City council also holds work sessions every second and fourth month a month at 6:00pm, also held in the Almquist Chambers.

*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](mailto:singletreefarm18@gmail.com)

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Candy Bowman, Principal Broker 541-786-3164 [Candy@OregonTrailRealty](mailto:Candy@OregonTrailRealty)  
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[www.oregontrailrealty.com](http://www.oregontrailrealty.com) - to view all of Union County listings

*Notice from the City.....*  
*Did you know that colored pens such as pink, purple and green can cause major problems for your banking institution? Many banks, including our local bank, use check readers now and they only pick up black or blue inks. Using colored pens can cause errors in check readings or even cause your check to be returned to you or the business to which you wrote your check.*  
*Please be sure to use a black or blue pen when sending in your check.*

**RATTLE TALE**  
*Coffee & Such*  
 332 S Main St  
 Union, OR 97883

Present this coupon and receive  
**\*\* \$1.00 off \*\***  
 One coupon per purchase



**ROYAL ROCK**  
**541-963-6433**

3/4" minus      Landscape Rock  
 1 1/2" minus  
 4" minus      Decorative Boulders

Located between Union & Cove 59679 Hwy 237  
*"It's not just rock, it's ROYAL ROCK"*

Spring Projects on Your Mind?...

It is the time of year when our thoughts wander to warm weather and outdoor projects. If you are planning projects that may require digging, the City of Union, along with all other utilities, want to remind you that it is the law that you call 811 **at least two working days** before you start digging.  
 And guess what!.....It's Free!



**Senior Meals**  
**EVERY TUESDAY @ 12PM**

at the **VFW** hall

Suggested donation only \$3

- Budget Committee  
Two open seats available
  - Planning Commission  
One seat available
  - Deer Committee  
Two more volunteers needed
  - Fire/EMS  
Volunteers Needed
- For more information contact City Hall 541-562-5197



*local*  
**BIZ**

**Rattle Tale Coffee & Such**

**Owners:** Randy & Tanya Freeman  
**Established:** Since February 2017  
**Address:** 332 S Main Street  
**Phone:** 541-286-0886  
**Hours:** Monday - Friday 7am to 1pm  
 Saturday - 7am to 12pm  
**Website:** Facebook: RattleTale Coffee & Such  
**Type of Business:** RattleTale is a Coffee shop with extras like smoothies, hot teas, and cold beverages. Pastries, snacks, sandwiches and a killer breakfast burrito. You can enjoy sitting in their garden area during warmer months.  
**History:** The Freemans moved up here 5 years ago from California where they had owned and operated an Auto Repair shop for 30yrs. Its a family affair with Randy running the show most of the time, Tanya filling in when possible and daughter Emilee helping out on the weekends. What does RattleTale mean you ask? RATTLE is the first initials of their family members and alot of TALEs will be told around a cup of coffee.

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
City of Union Chamber	2nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@eoni.com
City Council	2nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon of month	City Hall	6.00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-6134
Order of Eastern Star	2nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-910-6002
EOLS Board	2nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Sports Complex	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Planning Commission	3rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	VFW Hall	12:00 pm	
School Board	2nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3rd Tues of month / every third month	Health Clinic	5:00 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

**Community Calendar**