

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

June 2020

From The Desk Of Doug Wiggins City Administrator

June is here and as the weather begins to warm, I am missing the sound, hustle, and bustle of EOLS this year in Union. Unfortunately, this year many activities that we have become so accustomed, all of us will be missing in some form given the current health crisis.



The City issued four of its forgivable loan awards to local businesses on May 26, 2020. We had six applications to which The Union Fountain, Rattle Tale & Such, Union Collision Center, and LJ Brewskis received a forgivable loan. The two applications not awarded at this time were only due to the need for more complete information and the City anticipates them to be awarded as that information becomes available.

With the move to Phase 1 this past couple week, allowed by Governor Brown, Council is now able to host meetings at the Leonard Almquist Chambers again. While we are still unable to have room to capacity, we will continue to stream our meetings on Facebook. Thank you everyone for their understanding.

Some of the happenings since our last newsletter:

The budget committee approved to send the \$4.8 million budget to Council for their review for adoption. The budget projection for next year is attached to this flier and public comment will be heard by Council on the budget, June 8, 2020 at 7:15pm. It is important to note the City has anticipated a 15% decline in revenue for the coming fiscal year due to COVID-19.

A second round for the City of Union Forgivable Loan program will open up sometime this coming week as we await information on whether our application through Business Oregon is approved which will add an additional \$20,000 to our program in grant money to be designated to local businesses.

The City of Union happily/anxiously awaits the coming of Phase 2 for our City and a time that will seem more normal for our summers in this beautiful City.

Stay safe.

Water Rate Increase:

Effective July 1, 2020 per Resolution #2020-05 water rates will increase by 2.5%, a total of .57cents. Your water billing will change from \$22.79 to \$23.36 for 1000 cubic feet and an additional .01 cent per cubic foot over. There is **no** increase in sewer rates.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Completing City Charter Updates for November ballot
- ⇒ Impeding Right-of-Ways
- ⇒ Cyber Security Policy
- ⇒ Rural Fire/City Fire Discussions
- ⇒ COVID-19 Updates



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GRAND OPENING OREGON TRAIL REALTY OFFICE AND THE UNION FOUNTAIN

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2020

Union Soda Fountain Building, 105 N Main Street
Watch for Signs

Walt Brookshire(541-805-8689) will be joining
Candy Bowman(541-786-3164)
to assist you with your Real Estate needs.

**DOOR PRIZES – REFRESHMENTS by
THE UNION FOUNTAIN**

ANY REAL ESTATE SALE OR LISTING FROM OPEN HOUSE OREGON TRAIL REALTY WILL PAY FOR YOUR HOME INSPECTION

View ALL listings at oregontrailrealty.com

Citas en Español después de las 3 de la tarde 208-615-0643



Time To Test Your Cross Connections

The Oregon Health Authority requires that all back flow assemblies be tested once each year by a certified tester. The City works hard to provide safe clean water to our citizens, the water system can become unsafe whenever back flow occurs.

You may have a cross connection if you have:

- 1) Irrigation or lawn sprinkler system
- 2) Swimming Pool or Spa
- 3) Fire sprinkler system
- 4) Food and beverage processing equipment

If you have a cross connection please send your test results to the City of Union Public Works Department @ PO Box 529 Union OR 97883 or drop off at City Hall.

You can find a list of certified cross connection testers at www.oregon.gov/oha

Be a Respectful Park User

A great way to spend a beautiful summer day or evening is to visit our City Park! And yes, we all want to share that time with our dogs and the City does allow dogs in the park. But per park regulations, dogs must be on a leash at all times and not allowed to run at large. Also, please remember that not everyone who visits our park is a dog lover. Many adults and children may have had experiences that cause them to have a fear of dogs. And although we feel our dogs are friendly and safe we need to be respectful of others.

Nothing can ruin a beautiful day at the park like stepping in dog poo!

Please pick up and dispose of your furry friends mess! There are doggy poo baggy stations located in the park as well as trash bins.

We can all agree that the wind can really blow here in Union! That can mean trash blowing into the park area. Take pride in being a good citizen who picks up a piece of trash to dispose in the trash. If we all chose to do this imagine how helpful that would be!

The City crews work hard to keep our park green and clean for all to use. We will be adding more sitting areas in front of the Library and in the park for an even more enjoyable visit.

Let's all do our part to keep our park beautiful and enjoyable!!



HYDRANT FLUSHING

It is the time of year for fire hydrant maintenance and flushing. Throughout the next couple of months the Public Works crew will be flushing hydrants around the city.

Citizens that experience any unusual water issues, such as discoloration or pressure problems, are encouraged to turn on an outside water faucet and let the water run freely for 5-10 minutes. In most cases this will clear up any discoloration and restore water pressure.



Public Works asks that you use caution as the crew works at maintaining and flushing hydrants.

Perfect Weather To Install House Numbers!

Make one of your outdoor summer projects putting up new or updated house numbers.

Just a few dollars and a few minutes could save precious time in saving your home or lives. Your house numbers help our local fire/ambulance crews find your home, or even possibly your neighbors home.

House numbers should be large enough to be seen from the street and a color that is easily seen.



Summer Projects?

Don't forget....CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! Know what's below before you start digging. It's not just a good idea...It's the Law. Plus, it's free!!

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! CALL 811

How Can You Conserve?

A few tips for conserving water this summer:

- ◆ Only water your lawn when it is needed.
- ◆ Letting your grass grow a little longer will promote water retention in the soil.
- ◆ When you do water your lawn apply enough to thoroughly soak to the roots. Hint: Place an empty tuna can in your yard and when it is full you have watered enough.
- ◆ Don't water the side walk or street. Place sprinklers carefully so that the water only your lawn.
- ◆ Timing is everything! Early morning or late evenings is the best time to water to prevent evaporation.
- ◆ Mulch...putting a layer of mulch around trees and plants help maintain moisture.
- ◆ When washing your vehicle don't let the hose run, use a spray nozzle. A running hose can waste gallons of water!

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"

Annual Water Report

The City has received it's annual water report for 2019. The report is available for the public on the city website www.cityofunion.com

Once again this year we had no violations!

New ATV Ordinance.....

On May 11, 2020 the Union City Council approved a new ATV ordinance. ORD No.2020-560 will become effective June 15, 2020.

You can view the entire ordinance on the city website www.cityofunion.com or pickup an information brochure at city hall.



Platz Family Farm



Owners: Joe & Becky + 3 great kiddos

Established: 2012

Address: 1624 N 1st

Phone: 541-805-1560

Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Fridays from 10am - 6:30pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Website: www.PlatzFamilyFarm.com (get on our email list for current, in season produce, prices and specials)

Type of Business: Farm stand selling farm fresh local foods. Fruits and vegetables according to season along with products from other local farmers and artisans.

Specialties: Chicken and Duck eggs, Asparagus, salad greens, green onions, broccoli, cabbage, cherries, several varieties of berries, sugar snap peas, cucumbers, (Infamous)sweet corn, green beans, peaches, apples, tomatoes, potatoes, squash, honey and much more!

The whole family is involved and work extremely hard to create quality produce and strive to use natural growing practices. The Platz family are proud of what they produce and want to share with the community. They are thankful for God's bounty and your support.



SENIOR MEALS

At this time when it is so important for our seniors to stay home and stay healthy, Senior Meals will be delivering meals. If you would like a meal delivered please call Gracie at 541-562-5675, leave your name, phone number and address.

You must call by 5:00pm the day prior to delivery.

Meals will be delivered between 1:00pm & 2:00pm A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

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 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	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 rd Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	7:00 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	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	6:00 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 nd 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

CITY OF UNION
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
20/21 Budget Year

A public meeting of the Union City Council will be held on June 8th, 2020 at 7:15 pm at the Leonard Almquist City Council Chambers, Union, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the City of Union Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Union City Hall, between the hours of 10 am and 5pm (Monday-Thursday) or online at www.cityofunion.com. This budget is for an annual budget period from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-2020	Proposed Budget Next Year 2020-2021
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,445,590	2,685,691	2,698,615
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,731,028	1,724,795	1,544,200
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	91,948	640,000	240,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	2,700		
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	133,050	99,000	111,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes			1,000
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	274,090	148,000	263,000
Total Resources	4,678,406	5,297,486	4,857,815

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	584,820	637,446	742,846
Materials and Services	536,205	1,007,659	770,450
Capital Outlay	497,736	2,209,855	1,985,274
Debt Service	183,580	369,607	385,107
Interfund Transfers	133,050	99,000	111,000
Contingencies	2,248	239,293	290,745
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	2,740,767	734,626	572,393
Total Requirements	4,678,406	5,297,486	4,857,815

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	362,922	978,890	972,849
FTE	1.6	1.3	1.3
Public Safety	35,840	151,028	115,236
FTE	0.5	0.5	0.5
Parks	26,872	64,169	62,322
FTE	0.6	0.4	0.4
Court	1,453	2,300	3,250
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recycling	488	600	900
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planning	18,422	20,607	21,608
FTE	0.2	0.2	0.2
Water	272,327	793,541	1,022,050
FTE	3.2	2.4	2.6
Sewer	518,643	1,333,643	1,422,150
FTE	3.2	2.7	3.2
Systems Development	10,699.0	122,259.0	65,500.0
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Street	363,347	1,018,760	496,650
FTE	1.8	1.3	1.3
Library	99,071	138,400	149,250
FTE	1.4	1.8	1.8
Ranger Station	29,019	28,179	23,300
FTE	0.1	0.1	0.1
Downtown Development	0	12,260	14,200
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fire	99,268	317,160	243,547
FTE (Volunteers)	8 Volunteer	0.8	0.8
Ambulance	99,268	315,690	245,003
FTE (Volunteers)	8 Volunteer	1.0	1.0
Total Requirements	1,937,639	5,297,486	4,857,815
Total FTE	12.5	12.4	13.0

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *
Main changes this year come from a decrease in expected revenue due to COVID-19. The general obligation bond is now paid in full, with only two outstanding loans left for the City. One for the new fire pumper and the second is the remaining loan on the wastewater treatment plant.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2018-2019	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2019-2020	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2020-2021
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.57 per \$1,000)	1.57	1.57	1.57
Library Special Tax Levy (rate limit 1.21 per \$1,000)		1.21	1.21

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$1,752,186	
Total	\$1,752,186	