

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

September 2020



September is here and the fall season is set to come right around the corner. I along with Mayor Flint would like to take this opportunity to thank Brandon George for his leadership in organizing and all other volunteers for contributing to the cleanup at the City park. As many have been aware, this summer has been challenging for the City as we cut back on summer help, given the additional financial burdens placed on Union during Covid-19. It is volunteers like Brandon and the many others that help and continue to step up that make this City what it is.

As of the writing of this newsletter, the City has made plans to reopen the lobby at City Hall beginning September 1, 2020. Face coverings will still be needed upon entry, but we are happy to once again to hopefully get back to visiting and seeing our great citizens here at City Hall.

The State's sidewalk project finished the second week of August, but they may be back in October, weather pending, to work on some additional corners this year. The project is not slated to be completed until next summer, at which time every corner along the state highway will have been replaced with ADA approved ramps and crossings.

Elections are coming for Council in November and the filing deadline has closed. Your candidates running for office include:

Mayor: Leonard Flint

Position #3: Timothy Cox

Position #1: Susan Hawkins

Position #5: John Farmer

It is exciting to see school is getting prepared to start and please be mindful that after such a long period watch for kids on the streets heading to and from school. The City reached a deal with the School to transfer our old public works garage behind City Hall to their possession. The School will use the property for their new grant funded CTE program. This program will help our students learn trades and become more prepared upon completing high school to step into the workforce or a certified skilled labor training program.

Many have asked what is happening at the library. The City is working with Rob Burton, who has generously donated his time, to create two front patio areas. This will dramatically improve the front area of the library and we look forward to his handy concrete work. New benches and tables will be placed in the area and in time some sun screening. This area is planned to be used for anyone wanting to sit outside to read a book, enjoy a cup of coffee, skim through their email, or even as an outdoor classroom for some of our summer reading programs.

On the minor sides of happenings, we have cleaned up the welcome sign to Union at the Ranger Station and will begin working on the others on the premises. We continue to work at catching up on watering at the Ranger Station, after falling behind due to labor cutbacks and continue to work from behind in catching up. Of course, the hot days of August did not do us any favors. Thank you for your patience.



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ Union County Police Services Contract
- ⇒ City Surplus Sale of Real Property Update
- ⇒ Weed Ordinance
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses
- ⇒ COVID-19 Updates
- ⇒ City Fire/Rural Fire

The City of Union has an immediate job opening for an
Ordinance Enforcement Officer.



Requirements for this position include good communication skills, computer knowledge and skills, ability to learn and enforce city ordinances. This position is 15-20 hours a week, one Wednesday evening once quarterly will represent the city at our municipal court held at city hall. Pay for this position starts at \$14.00 per hour.

Applications are available at city hall, or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com if you would like one emailed. This job will be open until filled.

If you have questions regarding this position please feel free to call city hall at 541-562-5197 or by emailing lauradodds@cityofunion.com

Recipes and memories wanted for a Cookbook!

The Friends of The Historic Union Community Hall (old Union United Methodist Church) are seeking recipes, gardening ideas, food preservation directions and your memories of the Union United Methodist Church (or our community) for a fall Cookbook Fundraiser. The Friends of the Historic Union Community Hall are a nonprofit working to develop a community center in Union, Oregon.



To submit a memory or a recipe, email HistoricUnionCommunityHall@gmail.com or leave a message at 541-910-7048!

Friends of the Historic Union Community Hall Invite You to Help Preserve History & Build a Stronger Community

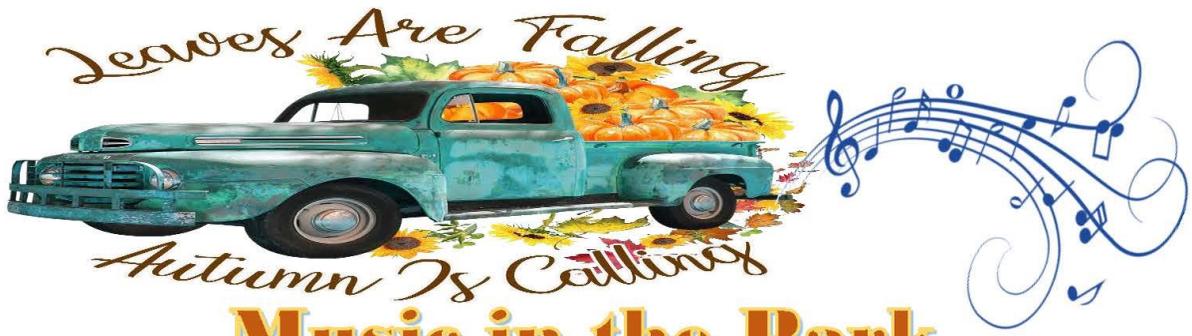


We are a non-profit organization with tax deductible status as we are part of the Oregon Cultural Trust. We are a grassroots organization. Focused on providing programs to our community that help all aspects of improving the quality of life. Our mission is to offer after school programs, the opportunities to arts, mental and physical health services to both the young and elderly residents. Providing programs like blood pressure check, respite care, senior meals, community support, support groups, and self-sufficiency classes.

We have reached out to our local community services, mental health, and medical services as well as the schools for partnership in providing programs out of the community hall and the building next door. We have had a great response.

We are reaching out to business and individuals for their support. Whether it is a monetary donation or skilled trades to help with restoration of the beautiful historic building. All donations are tax deductible.

Union Community Harvest Party



Music in the Park

September 19th Noon ~ Dusk

Gather with our Friends & Neighbors "Safely"

♪ Local Musicians Playing through the Day

♪ Artisans booths

♪ Rummage Sale at the Little White Church



**Supporting the
Historic Union Community Hall Outreach
& Food Insecurities in our area**

**Bring a can of food or something from your garden to share
with those in Our Community!**

**Donations & Pledges for the Community Hall are greatly
Appreciated as well**

Following all OHA safety Guidelines

♪ Bring Your Own Chair of Seating ♪ No Alcoholic Beverages ♪

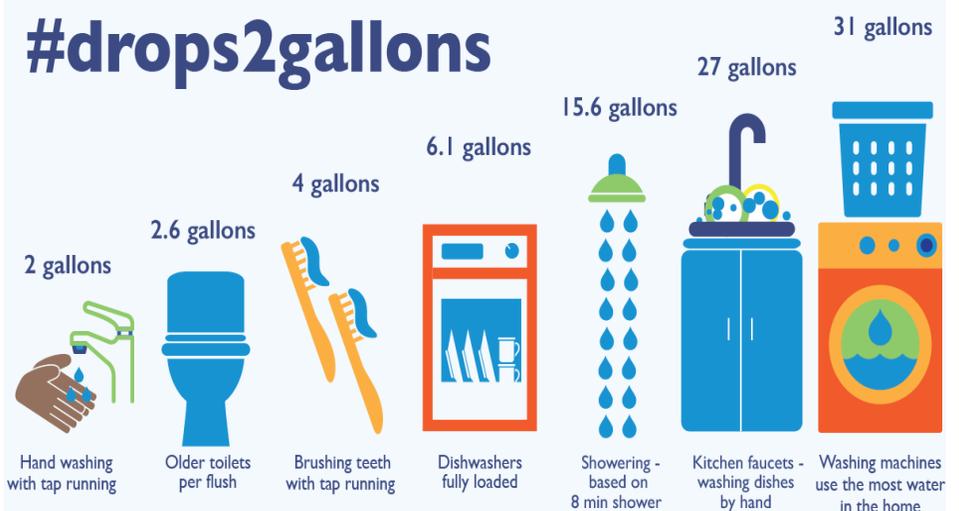
Call 541.971.1631 or HistoricUnionCommunityHall@gmail.com

The Union Carnegie Public Library would like to thank the Oregon State Library Covid-19 Grant in assisting summer reading programs during the pandemic. We would also like to thank through the Friends of Union Carnegie Public Library, La Grande Community Library Foundation for gift cards from local businesses for reading prizes. Thanks to Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers and Laborer's Local 737 for purchasing a variety of art and craft supplies for our program. We would like to thank Friends of Union Library and other community members that helped in the support of our summer reading program.

The Library hours will be changing during October to January 10 am to 4 pm Monday – Thursday, while Louise is away recuperating from knee surgery.

How Much Water Do You Use?

#drops2gallons



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

Decorative

4" minus

Boulders

Located between Union & Cove 59679

Hwy 237

"It's not just rock, it's ROYAL ROCK"

Local
BIZ



Owners: LaVelle Braun & Jenny Schwab

Established: 2018

Address: 267 S. Main Street

Phone: 541 - 562 - 6286

Hours: Due to Covid-19 hours have changed to:

Sunday: 8am-7pm, **Mon & Tue:** 11:30am - 8pm

Wed & Thu: 11:30am - 9pm, **Fri:** 11:30am - 10pm, **Sat:** 8am - 9pm

Facebook: LJ BREWSKIS

Type of Business: Family Friendly Restaurant/Grill

Specialties: Gourmet burgers, sandwiches and salads, breakfast served on Saturdays & Sundays mornings, steak on Friday and Saturday nights along with Tacos every Wednesday. Thursday is their music "JAM Night", Catering & takeout available and coming soon - Salad bar

Census 2020

Don't forget to complete your 2020 census, the deadline is fast approaching! There are about 5 more weeks to submit your household data. The federal government uses census data to determine how to distribute money to communities for health clinics, fire departments, roads, highways and much more. Census takers are beginning to go door to door in Eastern Oregon to get data from those who have not yet responded. Census takers will be wearing a mask, carry a census badge and could be knocking on your door soon.

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.

Did you know you can receive a newsletter by email?

Just email Laura at cityofunion.com or call city hall at 541-562-5197 and request to be put on our email list.

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 Thurs of the month	City Hall	6:00 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
Mainstreet Union & Economic Development	2nd Thursday of the month	Call contact # for location	7:00 pm	541-910-7048
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