

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

October 2020



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

It has been a busy September. We reopened City Hall and it is great to see our customers in person again. Yes, face coverings are still required, but the face to face interaction has been much welcomed by staff. Additionally, it is great to see the kids out and about now that school is back in session. Let that be a reminder as well to drive safely in our school zones and vigilante watch for kids crossing at intersections.

The Library progress continues out front. The patios have been poured and the stamped. Public Works will be installing a couple of benches and tables to the area over the next couple of weeks. This project has been a year in the making and we are excited to see it finally beginning to wrap up. There is still some railing that will need built, which should happen this fall and given some good weather may get installed over the winter but may be as late as spring.

The City installed with the help of Mike Riley, contractor, a new water line extending through Hickory Place and completing a loop from 5th to 10th Street. This will bring some great added pressure to the area along with redundant supply to the area should something go wrong.

It is exciting to see some of the new partitions that are coming through in Union and know that some of the large chunks of ground around the City are coming available to sell for development. This summer the City saw 7 new lots created with an additional 4 more to possibly come soon. We are excited for the potential of moderate growth and believe Union is a great place to live.

Council heard from our water and sewer rate consultant that was hired via a rate study grant from Business Oregon. The preliminary results moving forward tend to show our water rates may be moving up a bit but lowering our sewer rates for an overall slight increase to our monthly billing. Of course, this is all preliminary and many discussions will yet be had by Council along with public hearings before adjusting rates, if any.

The Ranger Station project is beginning to heat up a bit with the cooler weather. The timeline is still on track to have the first house interior completed by the end of winter with only the siding left to be applied next spring.

The City is interviewing for a new ordinance officer and should hopefully have one in place by mid-October. On another note, the City will no longer be waiving late fees as it has been, and shutoffs notices will begin for those accounts that have not reached out to establish any plans for catching up. The City understands it has been a tough 2020 and one many want to forget, but we still must be fiscally responsible and therefore are ending our moratorium as such. On that note the City will work with those that reach out and need help in catching up.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. It is a great community in which we all live.

Burn Ban Extended to Oct 15th

Due to continued warm weather, dry conditions and abundance of dry grass fuel, the Mayor, City Council and Fire Chief have followed the Union County's lead and has extended the burn ban. Call city hall or watch for announcements for updates.

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

Library News.....

For the month's of October, November, & December

Library Hours ~ Monday through Thursday

10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Yes, City Hall is Open!

Our lobby is once again open to the public.

Our hours: Monday ~Thursday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Fridays ~ closed, or by appointment only

541~562~5197

Face coverings are still required

All interested contractors, suppliers and businesses are invited to an open house **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AT 10:00 AM** to be held at the Union School District – High School Gymnasium

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROJECTS



Campus Wide Upgrades

Union High School:

- * Construction of a new elevator
- * Remodel of entries and vestibules
- * Safety & Security infrastructure upgrades
- * Mechanical & Electrical upgrades
- * Exterior envelope renovation & upgrades

High School Gymnasium:

- * Construction of a new entry vestibule
- * Mechanical & Electrical upgrades
- * Exterior envelope renovation & upgrades

Miller Elementary School:

- * Construction of a new entry vestibule
- * Safety & Security upgrades
- * Mechanical & Electrical upgrades
- * Exterior envelope renovation & upgrades
- * Roof replacement

Hutchinson Elementary School:

- * Safety & Security upgrades
- * Mechanical & Electrical upgrades
- * Exterior envelope renovation & upgrades

Site Improvements throughout campus including various modernizations & enhancements at existing district facilities.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE APPROXIMATED: MARCH 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 2021

BIDDING IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE EARLY FEBRUARY 2021

All subcontractors, businesses, and vendors are invited to learn more about the opportunities on Union School District’s upcoming projects. If you would like to receive email notifications, please send a request to either JasonT@KirbyNagelhout.com or ShawnT@KirbyNagelhout.com . Reference “Union SD Bond Projects Interest” in the subject line to be added to the distribution list. Or contact Jason or Shawn at 541-389-7119



Don't Procrastinate.....

As much as we are all loving this warm weathered fall, cold winter month's are fast approaching! Now, while the weather is still warm is the time to prepare. Winterizing is generally a task that can be done relatively inexpensively, but will make a big difference in how comfortable your home is, and could end up saving you money on energy bills, too. In fact, many very effective home weatherproofing jobs are something that homeowners can complete without professional help.

- ◇ Check insulation in and around crawl spaces
- ◇ Feel around electrical outlets and switch-plates for cold air, add insulation where necessary
- ◇ Check and install, replace or repair pipe insulation under house
- ◇ Unhook hoses from faucets and frost-free hydrants
- ◇ Install faucet insulation boxes on outside faucets
- ◇ Clean gutters and downspouts in mid-fall and double-check them before winter.
- ◇ Replace the filter in your furnace.
- ◇ Close any vents in your home that may have been opened for the warm weather.
- ◇ Clean chimneys and woodstoves early in the season. Test the flue for each fireplace for a tight seal when closed.





Emergency Preparedness.....

Are you prepared for an emergency? Recently we have seen just how fast emergencies can happen and being prepared is of utmost importance. This check list could help:

- ⇒ Keep Prescription Medicines Filled – A five-day supply will cover most emergencies. Have a list of all medications and dosages.
- ⇒ Five-Day Nonperishable Food Supply – Canned meats, soups, stews, cereal, energy bars, beans, etc. Keep a larger supply of baby food, formula, and other baby essentials for infants or toddlers. Maintain a five-day food and water supply for pets.
- ⇒ Manual Can Opener
- ⇒ Five-Day Water Supply – 5 gallons per person plus additional for hygiene and flushing the toilet. It takes 2.5 to 3.5 gallons to flush most toilets. Five-gallon buckets with lids are perfect for storing water for washing up and flushing toilets. Save wash-up water for flushing.
- ⇒ Flashlights with Two Sets of Batteries – The LED type are brighter and the batteries last longer.
- ⇒ Cell Phone and if possible a solar charger. Use sparingly in an outage. Check your phone’s settings to enable Emergency Alerts. Bookmark Local Emergency Response Websites on your phone's browser.
- ⇒ First-Aid Kit – A comprehensive kit that includes more than band aids and aspirin. The Red Cross sells First Aid Kits or gather the supplies and make your own.
- ⇒ Portable Battery-Operated Radio – Keep up with news and information during a winter emergency. NOAA Weather Radio – \$20 and up for around-the-clock emergency weather alerts. Select one that operates on a wall outlet or batteries.
- ⇒ Battery lanterns are preferred for emergency lighting. If you use candles, do not leave them unattended. Do not leave small children alone with lit candles.
- ⇒ Whistle (to signal for help)
- ⇒ Plastic sheeting and duct tape (in case you have to shelter in place)
- ⇒ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- ⇒ Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- ⇒ Local maps
- ⇒ If possible, a generator could be something to consider

All these items will fit in a large plastic tub and stored in a safe place that you can have access to in a moments notice. Check your kit often for expired items and replace items as needed. Being prepared is the best way to prevent you and loved ones in any emergency.



It’s that time of year again. Don’t forget that it is also time to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors!

A smoke/carbon monoxide detector is one of the most inexpensive ways to protect you, your family and your home. Make sure it is working properly by testing and cleaning it each month and by changing the batteries at least twice a year (or more if needed).

Note: If your detector is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace it.



New owner Helena Parker-Halstead

Same Name~Same Phone~Same Professional Services

Business Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00am~4:00pm

Friday & Saturday
10:00am~4:00pm



Just 4 Dogs

541-786-6394

What is a volunteer?

A volunteer is someone who gives their time, effort and talent to meet a need or mission.

Who is a volunteer?

A volunteer is the person who shows up to help a fellow citizen when they have a medical call.

A volunteer is the person running to a fire to save your family member, neighbor and your pets.

A volunteer is the person giving life saving CPR to save a life.

A volunteer is the person wielding the fire hose to protect and save a citizens home & belongings.

A volunteer is the person sitting in a meeting to work to make the community a safer and better place to live.

A volunteer is the person giving their time to comfort a child during an emergency event.

A volunteer is the person hefty the heavy sandbags in order to build a wall during a flood.

A volunteer is your neighbor, friend or family member, the one who freely gives of their time to train, learn, practice, and defend you and this community.

A volunteer is the person who willingly leaves their dinner, their beds, even their holidays to answer a life saving emergency call.

We need volunteers!

A volunteer could be YOU! The City of Union needs volunteers. If you have ever had a desire to be involved and serve your community, if you like learning new things and being part of a dedicated professional team, being a volunteer might be just what you are meant to do.

The City of Union will provide the necessary training and equipment required to join our great professionals who provide excellent fire protection and medical services for our community and rural areas.

If you would like an application to become a volunteer we have them available at city hall, by email, and also on our website at www.cityofunion.com



School Safety.....

Here in Union the streets are busy with children going to school, playing around school grounds and home from school. We are so happy to see the kids back in school! But we bet you have noticed that these kids are having to wear their masks, and as we all have experienced masks can often make it hard to see. Especially kids if they are wearing a mask that is too large for them.

So now is the time to be even more aware of where they are and to be extremely cautious. Be aware around school zones, crosswalks, bus stops and streets. Kids are not paying attention, they are having too much fun with friends, it is up to us to pay attention and take care of them!

The old saying ‘it takes a village’ is so applicable, as a community we need to take care of our children. Be vigilant, aware and careful, lets keep them safe!

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 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