

# 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

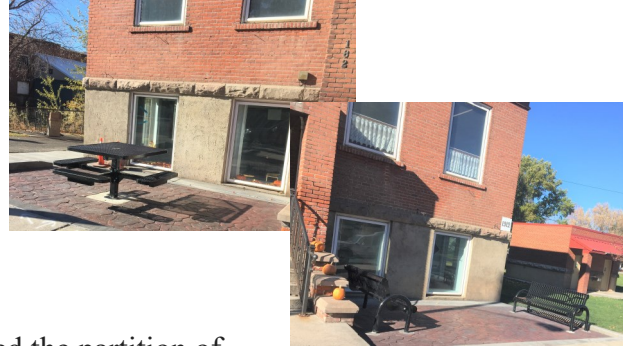
**UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY** Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*November 2020*



October gave us all sides of the weather this year, rain, snow, hot, cold and freeze. This is always challenging to our public works employees. This time of year always places public works in a scramble to get things buttoned up for winter, which is staring us down right around the corner.

During October we were able to finish the installation of the tables and benches at the library, leaving just the railing to be built. The timeline for the railing installation will be after the first of the year. Most are aware we are running limited hours at the library until the end of the year, for many reasons, but please give them a call to arrange something if the hours just cannot work for you.



Over the last few months, the City planning commission has allowed the partition of some large chunks of land in town, making the way for nearly a dozen new buildable lots in town. This is some great news for our small City and helps tremendously with what we are hearing is a housing shortage in Union. We welcome the growth as Union is a great place to live.

Council continues to pour over the Water and Sewer Rate Study provided by Pioneer Consulting. Once they finish evaluating the study, they will make some decisions on whether to adopt the study or keep as we are. They continue to discuss this study at every workshop (twice monthly). Please feel free to listen in online via Facebook live or listen to past videos and hear their comments.

The City welcomes Rebecka (Becka) Cole to the City of Union as our new Ordinance Officer. She comes to us from Albany as a recent new resident to Union and has been working at learning the ropes since about mid-October.

The City continues to evaluate ways to get out of Catherine Creek with our wastewater. We are currently undergoing a study and evaluating additional storage at the golf course and up the draw to the South. Anderson and Perry recently flew the draw with a drone to evaluate the topography and will begin the feasibility study towards achieving that goal. With DEQ permit renewal taking place within the next couple years, we believe the variables to what we can put into the creek will be tightened tremendously and by getting out of the creek those parameters will not be as influential to our treatment moving forward.

I would like to thank Dennis Falk for his hard work in continuing the trunk or treat tradition here in Union.

We continue to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and are attending many meetings both County and Statewide to make sure our voice is heard. Please continue to stay safe and healthy. It is a great community in which we live.

Have a great Thanksgiving, as of now the Mainstreet and Economic committee along with the Union Chamber of Commerce are still planning the annual winter parade of lights on the first full weekend in December.

## COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ Finished Union County Police Services Contract
- ⇒ Sale of city storage building to school
- ⇒ COVID updates
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses



## Library News.....

For the month's of October, November, & December  
Library Hours ~ Monday through Thursday

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**RATTLE TALE**  
*Coffee & Such*

Espresso  
Coffee, Tea,  
Smoothies  
Breakfast Burrito's  
Pastries

332 S Main St  
Union, OR 97883

Winger Wednesdays!  
Hot Dog & Chips  
\$2.50



## **Union Fire & EMS Department sponsored**

**Toy collection campaign begins  
November 1st**



**Please donate a newly unwrapped toy so  
children less fortunate in our  
community can open a gift on  
Christmas.**



**Drop-off sites:**  
**City Hall**  
**Rattletale Coffee**  
**Union Stoplight**  
**Hometown Hardware**  
**Union Market**  
**Gravy Daves**  
**Old West**

### Veterans Day ~

November 11th ~ a day set apart specifically to honor our Veterans. Buy why wait for just one day!? Here are ways to honor and thank a Veteran any day:

- ◇ Ask a Veteran about their time in the military...and really listen
- ◇ Write a letter to someone who is currently serving
- ◇ Buy a Veteran a cup of coffee...or better yet...a meal
- ◇ Buy a Buddy Poppy and wear it proudly!
- ◇ Greet and shake a Veteran's hand and show your respect and thank them for their service
- ◇ Hang a flag in your yard
- ◇ Take a moment to reflect on what it means to be an American, to always remember the men and women who have served to protect our freedoms.
- ◇ Visit a local VA facility to volunteer and give of your time.



***May We Never Forget***

### Fireworks Not Allowed!

We have had many calls of illegal fireworks being heard around the city, please be advised:

Fireworks not permitted in city limits, per city code;

§ 131.031 (A) It shall be a violation for a person to possess or discharge any illegal fireworks or explosives, including any pyrotechnic device that has a report, explosion or leaves the ground.

The use of illegal fireworks within the City of Union can result in a citation of up to \$500.00





## It's That Time Again

We have already experienced a few freezing nights, that means it is time to make sure you are ready for when winter really hits.

We strongly urge you to take extra precautions both inside and outside to prevent frozen and possibly ruptured water pipes. The following suggestions could save hundreds of dollars in repairs and plumber costs:

- \* During freezing weather it is recommended that you let your faucets trickle (just the size of a pencil lead)
- \* Leave cabinet doors open to expose pipes and let the warm air in to heat pipes
- \* Insulate or apply heating tape to pipes under the house
- \* Remove hoses and insulate outside faucets
- \* Remove hoses from frost free hydrants
- \* Close or plug any open vents that would allow cold air in your crawl space

If your pipes do happen to freeze, thaw them slowly by directing warm air along pipe (do not direct heat on just one spot). **Don't ever thaw them with a torch.**

If you need your water shut off please call city hall at 541~562~5197 during business hours and the city's emergency number 541~910~9111 after business hours.



## Community Strong!

How can we help keep our community strong?

By working together to spend our dollars locally with those who live and operate businesses in our community, we support them, they stay in business, it ensures employment and a stronger economy.



It is estimated that dollars spent in a locally owned business is spent 6-12 times over in other local businesses before it leaves that community!!

*Together, we can keep our community strong!!*

## Paying Your Utility Bill...

You have many ways to make your utility bill payment, in person at city hall, the drop box located in the foyer of city hall, setting up bill pay through your bank (just make sure you know of any increases in your bill to make that adjustment through your billpay), online by visiting the city website [www.cityofunion.com](http://www.cityofunion.com), or by phone with credit/debit card. Please know that there is a small merchant fee when paying online or by phone with credit/debit card.

Utility bills are due by the 15th of each month, and late fees are assessed after that date. Late fees are \$15.00. Accounts that are higher than \$50.00 past due by the end of the month will receive a late notice and are subject to shut off if not paid by the set date on the late notice (typically 7 days after notice date).

If you have questions regarding your utility bill please call city hall 541-562-5197

## November Council Meetings

### November 9th

- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

### November 18th

- Planning Commission @ 7:00pm

### November 23rd

- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

- All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall.



- Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/cityofunion.ontheweb> (you don't have to have a Facebook account to watch) or watch later on our website [www.cityofunion.com](http://www.cityofunion.com)

- For more information call city hall.

- *Masks are required and social distancing is followed when attending meetings.*

## Is Your House Easy To Identify In An Emergency?

Winter is a beautiful time of year. But it is also often a time of emergencies such as fires, falls, flu's and other illnesses. When a heart stops beating time is of utmost importance in determining chances of survival. It only takes minutes for a home to become engulfed in flames. Make sure emergency services can locate your home!!

### **Install House Numbers Today!**

- ⇒ Numbers should be large enough to see from the road and placed so that they are visible from the front and sides of your property and are not obstructed by trees, shrubs or outdoor décor.
- ⇒ Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly.
- ⇒ Brass or bronze numbers are very difficult to see and read.
- ⇒ If your home is located more than 45 feet from the street, the numbers should be placed on a fence, a post or mailbox.

Remember in an emergency every minute counts! Having your house numbers easy to see saves precious minutes when responding. It only takes a few dollars and a few minutes and it could mean the difference in saving your home, your life or the life of a family member.

**§ 151.29 DUTY TO INSTALL NUMBERS** It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning, occupying or controlling any structure within the City of Union, to obtain from the Recorder the correct number for the structure and to number the same in accordance with provisions hereof, the same to be done within 30 days of the passage of this subchapter, or within 30 days of the erection of any structure which may be constructed after passage of this subchapter.





**Owners:** Dan & Chelsea Davenport

**Established:** 2006

**Address:** PO Box 946, Union OR 9788

**Phone:** 541-410-4065

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday from 7am - 6pm

**Type of Business:** Excavation & Construction on residential & Commercial

**Specialties:** Start to finish custom homes, shops and barns, gutters, septic installation, gravel delivery, storage unit rentals & RV parking.

**History:** Dan chose the name "Quiet Life Construction" from the verse: "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to work with your hands and to mind your own business." - 1 Thessalonians 4:11



**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.

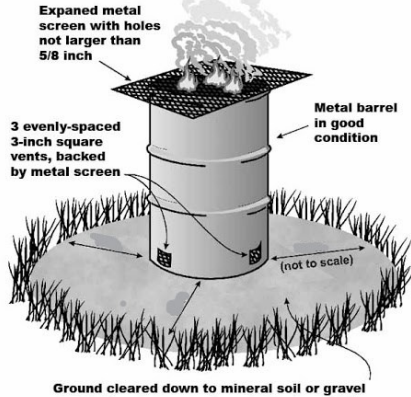
Meals will be delivered between 1:00pm & 2:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

**Burn Regulations:**

Burning is allowed upon obtaining a burn permit from city hall. Burn permits are valid for one calendar year. Note: Burn permits purchased now will be valid until December 31st, 2020. Burn permits for 2021 will be available after December 15th.

Burning container fires may be conducted under the following conditions: **a)** Only clean and not colored paper, dry limbs or twigs may be burned. No other material, including but not limited to, garbage, tires, colored paper, cardboard, lumber, furniture, plastics, magazines, and diapers may be burned. **b)** Burning container shall consist of non-combustible material such as an open top barrel or masonry structure, covered with a well fitting, heavy gauge screen not exceeding three quarter inch mesh.

**c)** There shall be a 15 foot safety area around the container, and the person shall make adequate provisions for fire control. **d)** The burning shall be limited to the hours from dawn to dark unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Union City Council, or by order of the Union Fire Chief or his or her designee, and the fire shall be completely extinguished outside of the applicable time limits.



Unconfined burning pile fires. Unconfined burning pile fires may be conducted under the following conditions: **a)** Only vegetative debris may be burned. No other material, including but not limited to, garbage, tires, paper, cardboard, lumber, furniture, plastics, magazines, and diapers may be burned. **b)** No pile may exceed two feet in height and three feet in diameter except when first inspected and approved by the Fire Chief or his or her designee. **c)** There must be a responsible person present at all times. **d)** The burning shall be limited to the hours from dawn to dusk and shall be completely extinguished by dark. **e)** All burn piles and cooking fires shall have a 25 foot safety area and all burn piles shall be constantly supervised, and reasonably sufficient safety equipment, such as water and shovels, for use in extinguishing the fire or any accidental secondary fire, shall be readily available during burning.

A complete copy of the burning regulations can be obtained at city hall

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> 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 <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
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 <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