

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

May 2021



It is warming up and activity within the City is beginning to bustle. Council and the budget committee met April 27-29, 2021 to discuss the budget. It will now be passed to Council for adoption on June 14, 2021. If you have not observed the notices on your bill, please come and give your input prior to voting on its passage.

The crew rebuilt the secondary digester at the wastewater plant this past month to correct some air issues and clean it. As near as we can tell it had been nearly 20 years since its last cleaning. Shortly we will be moving our effluent water from the creek to the gold course. At the golf course crews will be installing the aeration devices to the pond. This should help greatly with odors had in the late summer at the course.

The plumbing rough in and electrical rough in have been completed at the Ranger Station. Waiting for mechanical to complete and then we should be moving ahead with drywall and insulation. On a very happy note, Cherie Kausler wrote a grant to work on getting the Ranger Station on the National Registry for Historic Places. This grant was recently awarded to Union this past month and progress will now begin on getting the structure on the historic rolls.

Park lights have been ordered for the park lighting grant received. Once these come, we can begin demolition and the electrical upgrade at the park with the install of the new LED historic park lighting.

Potholes will continue to be filled in May and prepping for some road work to begin this summer on Bryan and Dearborn Streets.

The water/sewer rates committee continue to meet and are close to finalizing their recommendations to Council on a new water/sewer billing structure and rate. We are looking to hopefully have an ordinance put together by July for first reading on the matter and will get announcements out to the effect as time nears. Please be watching.

Our COVID numbers continue to remain low, and Union County has now entered the Green phase. The City has yet to receive guidance on its soon to be distributed ARP (American Recovery Program) money from the Federal Government. Council is planning a meeting open to the public for input on the funds in June. The only guidance issued thus far has been in economic development, infrastructure, and economic recovery. These definitions are broad, and the City is expecting further guidance by the end of May from the Federal government.

Please keep an eye out as with good weather more kids and people will be on the streets. Not mention the construction crews as well. Stay safe.

CITY OF UNION NOW HIRING FULLTIME POSITION UTILITY I (Pay Range 18.01- 25.28 per hour)

Desired Candidate will work under the direction of the Public Works Lead and perform a variety of work. Work includes manual labor to the operation of light to heavy equipment in the maintenance and repair of City facilities such as water system, sewer system, streets, building and ground maintenance.

Candidate will be required to:

- *Employee shall take necessary training and progress toward obtaining Level I State Certifications for Water Treatment & Collections II and Wastewater Treatment & Collections II, as allowed by state regulations. *Public Works Working Supervisor shall determine the priority of which certifications shall be obtained first.*
- *Employee shall obtain ODOT flagging certificate within first year of employment.
- *Employee shall obtain Cross Connection Certification within the first two years of employment.
- *Operate a computer.
- *Attend meetings for various training seminars or conferences as needed.
- *Attend City council meetings as needed.
- *High school diploma or equivalent GED and one-year related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- *Must have the ability to understand and carry out oral and written instruction, policies, and rules to do job safely.
- *Must be able to complete forms and reports as required by the position.
- *Must have math skills ranging from Basic Math to Algebra II

Job offers for this position are contingent on the individual passing a pre-employment drug screen, criminal history check and driving record check.

Employee must obtain and maintain a valid Oregon's Driver's License.

This is a fully benefited position with the City of Union.

To apply contact Laura Dodds at 541-562-5197 or email for an application and job description lauradodds@cityofunion.com
Applications will be accepted through May 31st by 5:00pm

A Lot Going On In Union....

This is going to be a very busy summer in the City of Union. The state will be working on the ADA curbs on main street, work will begin at the high school, OTEC will be doing work throughout the city. Public Works crew will be flushing hydrants, filling pot holes, grading and other street work.

We want to remind everyone to be cautious and attentive to what is going on around you when driving through or around town. Traffic flows may change, and equipment and workers will be in work zones. Proceed with caution!

Don't forget.....

With warmer weather always expect more activity with children biking and playing, families being more active in and around yards, the park and downtown. You can't be too careful when driving through neighborhoods and downtown!



CLEAN UP DAY!!

CITY OF UNION RESIDENTS ONLY!

MAY 15th 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

What can you bring?....

Clean yard debris only!

Dry leaves, clippings, small branches, grass clippings

Location: Transfer station 410 Treatment Plant Road

Absolutely Not Allowed!

No Tires

No Garbage

No Ashes

No Iron or Metals



COUNCIL CORNER:



Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ CDBG Grant
- ⇒ Continued COVID updates
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses
- ⇒ 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget

City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins

Leslie McMillan

Tim Cox

Terra Richter

John Farmer

Heidi Denton

Mayor Leonard Flint

Water/Sewer Rate Change

You will notice that this month's statement reflects the new monthly base rate that became effective in April.

New residential monthly utility base rate will be
\$94.59

The total increase in your utility bill is \$1.93/month

New small business monthly utility base rate will be
\$86.75

An increase of \$1.74/month



Union Carnegie Public Library

Summer Reading Program

Starts: June 16th

Time: 10 am

Where: On the side of the library

We will have stories, craft and snack

Table's and sunshades for are available for the craft, to keep us out of the weather.

Masks Required

We also have our story time on Tuesday's at 10 am

Craft time on Thursday's at 10 starting June 17

May Council Meetings

May 10th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

May 24th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

All meetings are held in the Leonard

Almquist Chambers at City Hall.

Masks are required when attending meetings.

Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website

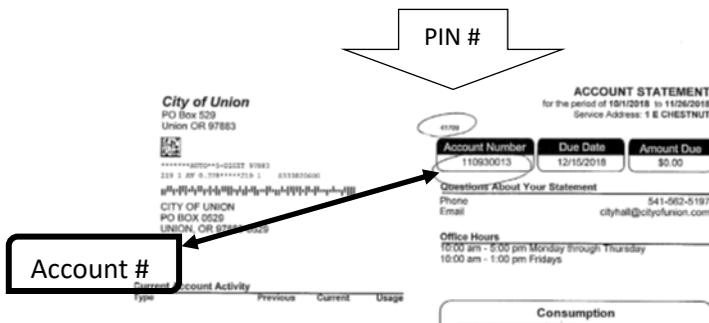
www.cityofunion.com



Go Paperless! On-line Bills and Payments Now Available!

That's right! You can receive a paperless bill! Also, on-line payments are now available for our customers convenience. Visit www.cityofunion.com, in the upper right corner of the page click on "E-Pay My Utilities", it will take you to 'City of Union eCommerce' where you will need to register. The steps are easy to follow but you will need your account number and PIN number, which both can be found on your statement. There is a very helpful tutorial on how to register.

- *Register - Set up a user name and password
- *Receive email with verification message including link and verification code.
- *Click on the link provided, you will enter your user name, password (case sensitive) and verification code (with the dash)



- *Select option: View & Pay Bills
- *Click on 'Add an account'
- *Enter account number and PIN located on your statement (see illustration)
- *You will need to agree to terms and conditions
- *Your account has been added, but will not show up on your account list until it has been verified by the city, which can take up to 48 hours.
- *After it has been verified and is added to your account list you can pay your bill online.

****Note: You don't have to pay on-line to go paperless. But you do have to register your account on-line by following the steps listed here. Once your account has been registered you will receive your monthly utility bill paperless by email as soon as the billing is generated.**

Payments made online may take up to 48 hours to post to your account.

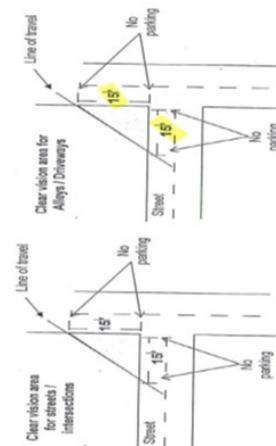
CLEAR VISION

As summer approaches we tend to think about gardening and our yards. And with that we think about fences both decorative and those that are to deter deer from getting in.

The city wants to remind those that live on a corner lot will need to follow the city's clear vision requirements.

A clear vision area shall be a triangular area on a lot at the intersection of two streets, two sides of which are lot lines measured a distance of fifteen feet from the corner intersection of the lot/property lines. The third side of the triangle is a line across the corner of the lot joining the ends of the other two sides and into the line of travel. The clear vision area shall contain no sight-obscuring plantings, walls, structures, fences, vehicles or other temporary or permanent obstructions exceeding three feet in height as measured from the grade of the street centerline.

This diagram shows the clear vision area described.



Exciting News.....

As the new owners of 306 S Main Street, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and the building to the people of Union.

Sara is originally from the UK. Sylvain, her husband is from Montreal Canada, and Zac is originally from Bend, now lives in Portland. And last, but not least, Walter the French Bulldog.

We are excited to be part of this wonderful community and cannot wait to finally get out and enjoy the beautiful surrounding area.

The building has been re-named The Union Merc and is opening June 4th as an antique and collectibles boutique combined with local artisan market.

We look forward to meeting you all at our garage sale being held:

May 7th & 8th 9:00am ~ 5:00pm

May 14th & 15th 9:00am ~ 5:00pm (with new items added)

Also, keep an eye out for the Big Red Bus coming soon!!



RATTLE TALE
Coffee & Such

Espresso
Coffee, Tea,
Smoothies
Breakfast Burrito's
Pastries
Winger Wednesdays!

332 S Main St
Union, OR 97883

Present this coupon to
receive \$1.00 off any
purchase.
Limit one coupon per
purchase.



Reminder....

April showers bring... GRASS THAT GROWS! Our City Ordinance states that weeds and grass can be **no more than 10 inches high**. Heading into Spring and Summer, our Ordinance Officer would like to remind you to keep an eye on your lawn, including the Right of Way, and make sure you are keeping weeds and grass in check. This is important not only to prevent noxious weeds from blowing into your neighbor's yards, but as the weather gets warmer and dryer, tall grass and weeds become a huge fire hazard.



We have also noticed an increase in items being parked in the City Right of Way. Nothing can be in the City Right of Way for longer than **72 hours**, including trailers/boats/ATV's/vehicles/basketball hoops, etc. Our Ordinance Officer will be doing rounds through the City to check for violations.

City Hall lobby hours are Monday through Thursday ~ 10:00am to 5:00pm
We are closed on Fridays at this time.
We look forward to seeing you again!

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY
YES WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WE CAN OPERATE AT A 75% CAPACITY AS LONG AS SOCIAL DISTANCING IS OBSERVED AND SAFETY STANDARDS ARE FOLLOWED

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

LIBRARY HOURS:
MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 10:00 ~ 5:00
FRIDAY 10:00 ~ 4:00
SATURDAY 10:00 ~ 12:00

WE WILL STILL OFFER CURBSIDE PICKUP IF YOU PREFER
FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL 541-562-5811



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	251 S Main	6:00 pm	541-910-6268
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	Last Friday of month / Oct, Jan, April, and July	Health Clinic	1:30 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