

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 2021



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

September has been busy for Council tackling many issues. One issue that has been at hand for the past year has been water and sewer rates. As most are aware the City had a water and sewer rate study completed through an independent party. This was paid for by a grant and yielded some very good information for our Council. Council mulled over the report, considered the recommendations from that report, and the public comments heard at our public hearings and the following rate structure was adopted on its final reading at the September business meeting for Union's water and wastewater billing.

Water Meter Size	Number of REUs	Allowable Consumption Included in Base Rate (Cubic Feet)	Base Water Rate Month	Base Sewer Rate Month
3/4-inch	1	0	\$33	\$50
1-inch	2	0	\$75	\$100
1 1/2-inch	4	0	\$150	\$200
2-inch	8	0	\$250	\$400
3-inch	16	0	\$400	\$800

The table indicates the base rate paid monthly by residence to cover maintenance and future capital projects within the water and sewer system. Additionally, residents will incur a rate of 1/2 (\$0.005) of a penny per cubic foot of water for the first 1000 cubic feet and 1 ¼ (\$0.0125) cents per cubic foot of water for uses greater than 1000 cubic feet in a month. In the summer months the rates shall be the same except the limits change to the first 2000 cubic feet and over 2000 cubic feet. Council felt it important to increase the allotment at the cheaper rate in the summer to help promote greener lawns. Sewer rates were decreased from the current rate by \$4.64.

So below I have provided an apples-to-apples comparison of new rates to current rates.

- Residential ¾-inch meter (typical for most residents) with 1000 cubic foot of water usage for the month:

New Water Rates:

Base Charge Water	Water Usage Charge	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
33.00	5.00	50.00	10.00	98.00

Current Water Rates:

Base Charge Water	Water Project Fee	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
23.95	6.00	54.64	10.00	94.59

- Residential ¾-inch meter (typical for most residents) with 700 cubic foot of water usage for the month (Average water usage for nearly 70% of our population):

New Water Rates:

Base Charge Water	Water Usage Charge	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
33.00	3.50	50.00	10.00	96.50

Current Water Rates:

Base Charge Water	Water Project Fee	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
23.95	6.00	54.64	10.00	94.59

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3. Residential ¾-inch meter (typical for most residents) with 1500 cubic foot of water usage for the month (Average water usage for less than 10% of our population):

New Water Rates (Winter):

Base Charge Water	Water Usage Charge	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
33.00	11.25	50.00	10.00	104.95

Current Water Rates (Winter):

Base Charge Water	Water Project Fee	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
28.95	6.00	54.64	10.00	99.59

New Water Rates (Summer):

Base Charge Water	Water Usage Charge	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
33.00	7.50	50.00	10.00	100.50

Current Water Rates (Summer):

Base Charge Water	Water Project Fee	Sewer Charge	Ems Charge	Total Monthly
28.95	6.00	54.64	10.00	99.59

I tried to provide some of the most common water usages that we observe in Union for the comparisons. If you personally would like to know your own situation, we ask that you reach out to City Hall at 541-562-5197 and we will be able to gather your situational data to assist in what to expect your new bill to look like with the changes.



Burn Ban Lifted

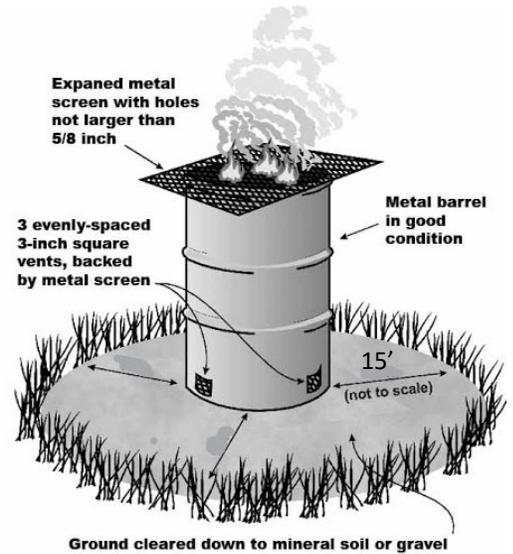
Items Permitted To Burn:

- * Clean dry wood
- * Dry leaves and yard debris
- * Clean papers

Items Prohibited To Burn:

- * Household garbage
- * Rubber products
- * Petroleum treated materials
- * Any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors

Open burn piles may not exceed 2 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter, except when first inspected and approved by the fire chief or his/her designee.



Ready For Winter?

No one wants to think about winter, freezing weather, winds and snow. But we all know it's coming on fast!

Are you prepared? Is your house prepared?

What better time to get prepared than while the weather is still rather pleasant. A few things to do now:

- ◆ Check insulation in and around crawl spaces
- ◆ Check and install, replace or repair pipe insulation
- ◆ Unhook hoses from faucets and frost-free hydrant
- ◆ Install faucet insulation boxes on outside faucets

It is so much easier and cheaper to do these few things now and not experience the costs and inconvenience of frozen or broken pipes! Don't hesitate....winter will be here before we know it!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31

FROM 4 ~ 7 PM

UNION HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT



BROUGHT TO YOU BY FALK'S MINI MART



The City of Union is now taking applications for the position of Lead Librarian. This is a full-time benefited position and the pay range for this position is from

\$16.83-\$23.63 per hour DOE. Interested parties must submit a City of Union Application, Resume, Cover Letter and two letters of reference for consideration of the position.

For a copy of the job description and application, please contact Union City Hall at 541-562-5197 or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com. Applications for the position are due October 8, 2021, by noon. City of Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



August Council Meetings

- October 11th
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- October 25th
- 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

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Behind the Scenes at the Union Ranger District Compound

Many Union residents have noted changes at the former Union Ranger District Compound. Improved landscaping, a Union County Kiosk and a gas house and building remodel. Over time, the City has invested resources to preserve this unique property located along a vital entrance and thoroughfare to the community. Behind the scenes, another project is underway.

With the support of a Certified Local Government Grant, offered from the State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Union has hired a consultant to place the property on the National Historic Register.

If the property is accepted on the National Historic Register, the City of Union can receive benefits such as continued pride in Union's vibrant history. The Union Ranger District Compound will be included in a large list of local heritage resources; the Union County Museum, the Union Historic District, the Union Victorian Cemetery and the multitude of private homes also listed on the National Historic Register.

The property can also serve as a tourism draw, affecting the local economy. Visitors riding the Grand Tour Bicycle Route or stopping at the Union County Museum may be invited to stay longer in the community, to learn about the Union Ranger District Compound, the 1930's timber industry and the Civilian Conservation Corps. Education will occur initially through the City's website and longer term via interpretive signage and promotional materials. For a special treat, visitors staying at the Union Ranger District Compound overnight will have a unique and educational experience. When people stay longer in the community and feel invested in their experience, they spend their dollars in the community.

While preservation, community pride and increased avenues for tourism are vital, it is important to note that any property owners participating in the National Historic Register Property are eligible for State and Federal resources. In short, If accepted on the National Historic Register, the City of Union can receive matching grant funds for future preservation and development projects on the property. More information on the benefits of listing a property to the National Register can be found at www.nps.gov/nr/national_register_fundamentals.htm.

The next time you drive by the western entrance of Union, and the former Union Ranger District Compound, know that while physical improvements are underway. But behind the scenes, actions are taking place that will influence community pride and the local economy (by increasing the tourism potential of the property). Additionally, if accepted on the National Historic Register, future rehabilitation costs can be reduced via State Historic Preservation Office grant funds.

Cherie Kausler

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ CDBG Grant
- ⇒ New state legislations pertaining to planning laws and homeless.
- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Weed Ordinance
- ⇒ Recent COVID updates

City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins	Leslie McMillan
Tim Cox	Terra Richter
John Farmer	Heidi Denton
Mayor Leonard Flint	



Not a Dump!

The city is fortunate to have Waste Pro provide a recycle service available to our citizens. But lately there has been a lot of garbage dumping at the recycle center. Please remember that the recycle center is NOT A DUMP.

The city has security cameras located at the recycle center.

Dumping garbage at the recycle center can result in a \$500.00 fine.



RATTLE TALE
Coffee & Such

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

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Union, OR 97883

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

City Hall Hours
Monday ~ Thursday
10:00am ~ 5:00pm
Closed Friday's ~
or by appointment

For questions regarding your
utility bill call us at 541-562-5197

Union Carnegie Public Library
Monday ~ Thursday
10:00 ~ 5:00
Friday
10:00 ~ 3:00
Storytime
Tuesday's at 10:00

Come by and 'check us out!'
541~562~5811

What Do All Those Markings Mean?

There has been a lot of building, landscaping, and other projects going on around Union this Summer, and now into this Fall. For every building project, landscaping project or anything that requires excavation or digging, it is the law to Call Before You Dig...by calling 811. This will send a request to all utility companies to locate their services within two full working days. That explains why there are so many markings on the streets and right of ways.

These are the meaning of each color marking:

- Electric ~ will be marked in Red
- Gas/Oil ~ will be marked in Yellow
- Communications ~ will be marked in Orange
- Water ~ will be marked in Blue
- Sewer ~ will be marked in Green
- Irrigation ~ will be marked in Purple
- Temporary Survey ~ will be marked in Pink
- Proposed excavation ~ will be marked in White



November 7, 2021

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
Catherine Creek Community Center	4th Thursday of month	Community Center	6:00pm	
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	Catherine Creek CommCtr	10-11:00am	541-562-2038
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

COLORING CONTEST



Name: _____

Age: _____ Parents Phone # _____

(To notify if a winner!)

Return to the Library or to City Hall by October 25th