

# 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 10am-6pm  
Tues ~ Thurs 10am-5pm Friday 10am-4pm

*August 2022*



July weather came in fair and is going out blazing hot. Health safety has been taken seriously here with the new mandates from OSHA and now a Governors declaration of emergency for excessive through much of Oregon.

The Ranger Station project will be having its final inspection coming up this month and hopes of an occupancy certificate, we should be up and running in the September time frame. There will be some minor landscaping left and we will be going out to bid a sprinkler system for the Ranger Station property.

The park is weathering the heat well as Robin sticks on top of the sprinkler system this summer. As soon as she completes the painting at the Ranger Station, she will make her way to the park to paint the fixtures at the park.

As most have heard we had a fine from DEQ from the wastewater treatment plant. The fine was a result of a mechanical error in which a de-chlorination pump failed, and the backup failed as well in the early morning hours in December of 2020. This caused some chlorinated water to enter Catherine Creek at a rate exceeding our permitted limits. The result was a fine of about \$3,300. Additionally, the City of Union could not reproduce some annual reports from 2017 and 2018 and therefore an additional fine is had in an amount to yet to be determined. All these issues have been addressed to DEQ satisfaction and the City is moving on from the violations with some new controls in place to help curb these sorts of errors happening again.

The big water project was bid, and we believe now that funds have been released by the State of Oregon, we can award the bid in August with construction now looking to begin in September sometime.

The Library Levy comes up for vote at the general election in which voters can decide whether to continue to support the operations of the Carnegie Library or not. After thoroughly vetting the library financials, Council and staff are confident we can continue our Library programs with a lower levy rate. Council will be taking public comment August 8, 2022, at their public meeting as they look to lower the rate from \$1.21/1000 to \$1.05/1000; thus, easing the tax burden to property owners.

The library has had an excellent summer season, amassing over 230 adults and children to its summer programs this year. We have been so excited for the work Tiffany has put into the programs this summer. While scaled back, given space, we look forward to what will becoming for the winter.

Main Street Union has been busy working on tackling a future vision for our park. Look forward in the next couple of months a questionnaire to be coming from them to vet your top concerns and what you feel the best direction for the park should be.

## UNION GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

- 7 am City Wide Yard Sale (call 541-910-5425)
- 7-10 am VFW Breakfast 518 N Main St
- 8 am Color Fun Run starts at Athletic Complex
- 9-4 Vendors & Library Book and Bake Sale
- 9-3 Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest (sign up at Falk's Mini Mart)
- 9-4 Car Show and Poker Walk
- 10-4 Chicken Bingo in the Park
- 10-2 Kiddy Carnival at the Park
- 11-5 Live Music in the City Park
- 1:00 pm Puppet Show at the Library
- 1:30 pm Pie eating Contest in the City Park
- 2 pm Duck Race down Catherine Creek
- 5:30 pm Lawn Mower Races
- 7-10 pm Family Street Dance



*Fun for Everyone*

Please Note:

City of Union City Council meeting August 8th, 7:00 pm

The City of Union will be having a public hearing to discuss Resolutions to place the following measures on the ballot for the general election on November 8th, 2022

**\*\*Measure to renew the Union Carnegie Public Library levy for another 5 years.**

**\*\*Measure to ban the commercial production, commercial processing, and the retail sales of Psilocybin (mushrooms) in Union.**

City Council wants to hear from you!

### It's a Heat Wave! Stay Hydrated!

- Drinking enough water is one of the most important things you can do to prevent heat-related illness. An average person needs to drink about three-quarters of a gallon of fluid daily.
- Stay away from sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- In general, eating meals and snacks throughout the day with adequate water intake is enough to maintain electrolytes and replace salt lost when you sweat.

Note: Certain medical conditions and medications may mean you need to drink more water. Talk to your healthcare provider.

### Plan to Go to a Cool Place

Spending a few hours each day in air conditioning can help prevent or reduce heat-related illness. If you do not have air conditioning in your home, identify a place where you can spend the warmest part of the day during an extreme heat event.

- Contact a nearby neighbor, friend or relative who has air conditioning.
- Check to see if shopping malls or public libraries are open.
- Check to see if your community or nearby community has a cooling station.

Remember, when outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen that says "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection."

### When Using The Park.....

Please remember that while we all love the park there are a few things we need to do so others can enjoy it too:

- ◆ Park hours are dawn to dusk
- ◆ Alcohol and Drugs are PROHIBITED
- ◆ There are doggy poo bags available...use them!
- ◆ BBQ's are to be used in the designated area only
- ◆ If it appears someone will be using either the gazebo or the pavilion please be respectful and don't intrude.
- ◆ Dogs are to be on a leash at all times....not running at large. Many kids and adults have a fear of dogs, no matter how sweet the dog



### ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

THIS SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE AN OPEN STUDENT LIAISON POSITION. THIS STUDENT LIAISON POSITION IS A LINK BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY, PROVIDING A WAY FOR BOTH PARTIES TO EASILY COMMUNICATE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

THE POSITION IS ONLY OPEN TO JUNIOR & SENIOR STUDENTS IN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE POSITION IS A 9 MONTH TERM, ONE MEETING A MONTH IN THE EVENING (SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH) AND POSSIBLY A SPECIAL PROJECT APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR. AT THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL 9 MONTH TERM THE STUDENT WILL BE AWARDED A \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP PAID TO THE COLLEGE THEY ATTEND.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY CONTACT CITY HALL AT 541-562-5197 OR EMAIL [LAURADODDS@CITYOFUNION.COM](mailto:LAURADODDS@CITYOFUNION.COM)



**Deadline for Council & Mayor election filing papers is August 19th. Filing packets are available at City Hall.**

#### Open seats:

Mayor	2 year term
Council position #2	4 year term
Council position #4	4 year term
Council position #6	4 year term

**BURN BAN  
NO BURNING IN CITY LIMITS  
JULY, AUGUST  
& SEPTEMBER**

### UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**\*\*Don't miss the Library book sale at Grassroots from 8am-5pm**

**\*\*Now accepting volunteers for Grassroots bake sale & book sale! Sign up at the library or with the Friends of the Library.**

**\*\*Dragon Puppet Theater Show August 13th at 1pm**

**\*\*Weekly Story Time at the library resumes August 16th. Story Time is Tuesdays from 10am-11am. We read together, complete a craft or activity, and have a snack!**

**\*\*August adult activity is the first and only Geocache in Union.....Happy Hunting!!**



A big **Thank You** for donations and assistance to:

- Jerry Brounstein
- Union County Museum
- Anne Rodriguez

**Ordinance Education Corner....**

We often get asked if residents can have roosters. The answer to that is yes.....but with the understanding that if there is any complaints about his crowing you will have to find another home for him or an alternative.

City ordinance prohibits:

(1) Any unreasonably loud or raucous *noise*; or (2) Any *noise* which unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivity, within the jurisdictional limits of the city; or (3) Any *noise* which is so harsh, prolonged, unnatural.

Also note: No animal is allowed to roam freely about, they are to be kept contained in a fenced yard or pen. Owners with animals running at large are subject to fines.

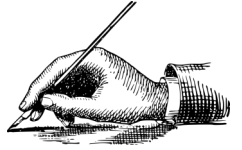
All City Ordinances can be found on our website [cityofunion.com](http://cityofunion.com) and under the menu click on ordinances and then view all ordinances. It will take you to American Legal Publishing and you can then search by a word association or code number.

**COUNCIL CORNER:**

Current City Council Topics

Include:

- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen
- ⇒ Council Stipend
- ⇒ Library Levy
- ⇒ Psilocybin (mushrooms)
- ⇒ Buffalo Flats Project



~City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins

Tim Cox

John Farmer

Mayor Leonard Flint

Leslie McMillan

Terra Richter

Heidi Denton

**August Council Meetings**

August 8th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 22nd

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](http://www.cityofunion.com)



**THAT WONDERFUL TASTY SUMMER TREAT**



BESIDES BEING DELICIOUS, WATERMELON HAS SO MANY OTHER REASONS TO EAT IT UP THIS SUMMER

- \* THE CHERRY RED COLOR COMES FROM LYCOPENE, AN ANTIOXIDANT. STUDIES SHOW IT MAY HELP CURB YOUR RISK OF CANCER AND DIABETES. WATERMELON HAS MORE OF THIS NUTRIENT THAN ANY OTHER FRUIT OR VEGGIE....EVEN TOMATOES.
- \* THE LYCOPENE MAY EVEN MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT YOU GET SUNBURNED....BUT NEVER GO WITHOUT THAT EVER IMPORTANT SUNSCREEN!!
- \* WATERMELON IS RICH IN AN AMINO ACID CALLED CITRULLINE THAT MAY HELP MOVE BLOOD THROUGH YOUR BODY AND CAN LOWER YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE. YOUR HEART ALSO ENJOYS THE PERKS OF ALL THE LYCOPENE THIS FRUIT CONTAINS.
- \* JUST ONE MEDIUM SLICE OF WATERMELON GIVES YOU 9-11% OF THE "VITAMIN A" YOU NEED EACH DAY. THIS NUTRIENT IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO KEEPING YOUR EYES HEALTHY.
- \* JUICY WATERMELON IS 92% WATER, SO IT'S A SIMPLE WAY TO STAY HYDRATED. EVERY CELL IN YOUR BODY NEEDS WATER....WHAT A TASTY WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CELLS!

ENJOY A SLICE AND BE A HEALTHIER YOU!



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 <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> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Catherine Creek CommCtr	10-11:00am	541-562-2038
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 / Community Meals	2nd Friday of the month	Catherine Creek Community Center	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 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
Union FFA Alumni & Supporters	3rd Wednesday	EOLS Clubhouse	6:30pm	541-975-9495
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar



**Summer Coloring Contest!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to City Hall or Union Carnegie Public Library by August 17th**  
**Be creative and colorful!**  
**There will be prizes!!**