

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

December 2022



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

Welcome to the Holiday Season. December is a month that I like and dislike for so many things. I like the Holiday Season and the cheery atmosphere but dislike the cold and windy weather. Can it snow without wind? I do enjoy the snow in what it brings when talking about moisture, snowpack, and what seems like a cleaning of the land. Anyhow winter is here for the next few months and hopefully we are prepared as a City to combat the icy, wet, snowpack roads as they come.

With that said, public works has been busy this past month getting the fleet ready for winter. Trucks are getting serviced, plows are being put on, sand is getting stocked and all the other fun stuff that comes for prepping for winter months. Additionally, they have been busy with demolition on the middle Ranger Station home for the next upgrade. We did run into some asbestos on the inside and are working to get it removed as soon as Council approves a bid to do so. As we continue moving forward, the City will be holding some public meetings soon to discuss whether an RV Park is needed or should be built at the Ranger Station.

The wastewater plant has been busy this past month as well. We finished up the fix to the primary clarifier and brought it back online. We have been cleaning the grounds in preparation for the new screw screen to come this winter and with luck construction should start in February. This upgrade when completed will get us moving forward in complying with our new DEQ permit.

The water project has now been awarded to Becker Construction. We hope to get all the contracts signed this coming month and with a plan to begin construction this spring. This has been a tedious process and moving at a much slower pace than I like, but we do continue forward.

In the coming week staff will begin setting up the Christmas lighting in the park in preparation for the Christmas parade.

Stay warm and have a great holiday season. Have a Happy New Year!

***Christmas Parade and
Winter Wonderland
Tree Lighting-Santa Claus
Saturday, Dec 3rd 2022***

Union OR

***12 - 5pm Vendors and Tree Contest
At Catherine Creek Community Center***

5pm - Lighted Parade

***Parade line up 4:30 in front of
Old West Credit Union
Email unionchamber@eoni.com to register
or just line up***

***Followed by
Tree Lighting and Santa***

Chili by VFW



**UNION FIRE & EMS
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

**DROP OFF BOXES WILL BE AT MOST LOCAL
BUSINESSES IN UNION**

DROP OFF DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19TH

**DROP OFF AN UNWRAPPED NEW TOY, HATS,
GLOVES, OR COAT TODAY!**

**HELP MAKE A LOCAL CHILD'S CHRISTMAS
ESPECIALLY HAPPY THIS YEAR!!**

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS!

SANTA AT THE LIBRARY!

Santa will be at the library on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd for photos, from 1pm to 5pm each day!

Come by and say Hi to the big man himself!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT! December 12th at 5pm will be beaded snowflakes!

TUESDAY STORYTIME!

December 6th Snowman Slam
December 13th Balloon Tennis
December 20th Rudolph Races
Dec 27th Glow Stick Ring Toss



****FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE
UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEC 14TH, 6PM-8PM****



From the Desk of the Main Street Union Subcommittee for the City Park

There have been many developments over the last 30 days with the City of Union Park Project. The park subcommittee has obtained two quotes from separate landscape architectural firms to perform the master plan needed to obtain grants and move forward to updating our city park. We are awaiting a third but will be voting on what quotes we have on hand during our next meeting on December 8th 2022. As soon as we vote as to which firm we will be using the public will be seeing posters going up around town letting everyone know that our town survey will be coming soon.

Main Street Union is very grateful to the Union Chamber for helping us with the needed funding to be able to send everyone that lives within the Union zip code of 97883 the park survey. Big round of applause goes out to all the businesses in Union that participate with the Chamber and the La Grande Observer for helping us. Please check your mailboxes around the first two weeks of Jan 2023 for the town survey. Please fill out the survey and return as soon as possible. Dropoff locations will be listed on the survey. We will need at least 33% of the population of Union to participate in the survey to obtain grants and funding for updating our park and making improvements.

We look forward to hearing from everyone in the town when the survey comes out. We know that everyone is excited to see this project move forward. Here is to a very exciting 2023 ahead for us here in Union.

Thank you,

April Bush
Chairwoman of the Main Street Union Subcommittee for the City Park

City of Union Snow Removal Policy

During times of inclement weather it is the City's mission to maintain adequate and safe traffic flow for emergency personnel, school buses, and the general citizenry, while being fiduciary responsible when removing ice, slush and snow.

The City of Union Snow Removal Policy states:

The City may not initiate snow removal until four (4) inches of wet heavy snow, four (4) inches of dry blowing snow at 20+ mph winds, or six (6) inches of dry powdery snow accumulates on the open ground. Snow removal will be conducted along streets according to their priority in facilitating the movement of emergency vehicles and personnel, school busses and local traffic. A map of these routes is available at City Hall. Slush that has accumulated to at least four (4) inches will be plowed to facilitate water movement away from driving lanes, reducing the risk of iced driving lanes.

The City will not be responsible for clearing individual driveways that may be blocked from snow removal operations. While plowing streets a residents driveway may be blocked by a berm caused by plowing. The City is not responsible to clear these driveways.

The City will work to anticipate dangerous conditions brought on by freezing rain, black ice, packed or freezing snow, and will apply sand to major intersections, steep slopes, and any other areas where ice could constitute a significant hazards to motor vehicles.

If you would like a copy of the City of Union Snow Removal Policy and plowing route, you can pick one up at city hall. Or contact city hall at 541-562-5197 if you would like one emailed or mailed to you.

Please Drive Safely



EOLS

Cowboy Christmas

Steak Feed



Watch Party

The proceeds will help us
LIGHT UP our arena!

December 10th

Doors Open at 4:30pm

Becker Family
Sale Pavilion

\$50/ticket

1 drink ticket included

Purchase a table of 8 for a discount!

For Tickets Call:
541-910-5701



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RAFFLE

EOLS ARENA LIGHTING FUND GUN RAFFLE

2 GUNS, 2 WINNERS!



Nosler Model 21 – 30 Nosler
Nosler Model 21 – 26 Nosler

\$20.00/Ticket

Limited Tickets Sold

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN DEC. 10TH

AT THE COWBOY CHRISTMAS STEAK FEED

Call for Tickets - (541) 910-5701

OR

Available at the Steak Feed

Need Not Be
Present To Win

1st Drawn
Ticket Gets
1st Choice

Volunteering...

a benefit to both you and your community!

One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact to the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a really difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause that you choose to help.

Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends and expand your network.

Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your roll as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals.

There are many ways to volunteer, join your local fire department, ambulance service, school, churches, community centers etc. So....find what your passionate about and make a difference today!

We want to send out a Thank You to all our local volunteers! These people work hard to make Union a great place to live!!

WE ♥ OUR
VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? Just call city hall at 541-562-5197 or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com and we will put you in the system.



Winter Walking Safety Tips....

Even though it's windy, snowy and cold outside, there are those who still love to get outdoors and take the dog for a walk, or walk for exercise. But there are a few precautions that can make your winter walking experience even better.

- * Wear proper footwear, flat-soled made of rubber or neoprene for better traction. There are also 'chains' for shoes or boots for even more protection.
- * Don't be in a hurry, move slower than you normally would. Take shorter steps, wear gloves and keep hands out of your pockets for better balance
- * Remove snow/slush from shoes when entering buildings, and use handrails if available.
- * In your mind, be prepared to fall. If you do fall, avoid using outstretched arms to brace yourself, thus avoiding one or two broken hands or arms.
- * Avoid texting or talking on your cell phone. It's too easy to get distracted and lose your balance.
- * Avoid carrying heavy loads that may compromise your balance.



Ordinance Education Corner...

Please note.....although winter is upon us, ordinance violations are still being monitored and enforced by our ordinance officer. Violations most observed at this time of year are vehicles parked in the right-of-way longer than 72 hours, abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of garbage/garbage bags, persons living in trailers without a permit obtained from the city.

Another ordinance the City will monitor is regarding numbering of residences/property. By ordinance a residence/property must have address numbers visibly posted. House numbering ensures emergency services can locate your home in case of a fire or ambulance calls. We can't stress enough the importance of having house numbers where they are easily seen.

The City has also been receiving calls on residences who have 4 or more dogs. City ordinance states that a residence is allowed 3 dogs, any more than 3 the residence must obtain a kennel license through both the city and county. The process is very easy to do, after receiving your kennel license there is a \$50.00 yearly kennel license fee paid to the city.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen
- ⇒ Water System Update Project
- ⇒ Rural & City Fire/EMS merger



~City Council Members ~

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

Election Results

The following person is duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor as of January 2023

Name	Term Limit
Susan Hawkins	2 years

The following are duly elected, qualified and acting City Councilors as of January 2023

Dick Middleton	Position 2	4 years
John Black	Position 4	4 years
Anita Boyer-Davis	Position 6	4 years



December Council Meetings

December 12th

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

No December work session due to the holidays

- 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 our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website

www.cityofunion.com



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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	
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 / 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 nd 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 Wednesdaynight	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar