

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

October 2023



Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade....

One of the city's public works projects should be wrapping up soon. The new influent screen at the waste water treatment plant is being installed and we look forward to it operating online soon!

The influent screen is crucial in the operation of the treatment plant as it filters out items that should not go into the treatment process, such as rags, hygiene products, beauty products, plastics and any other items that is put into the system that can cause many issues. A properly operating influent screen means the rest of the plant will run more efficiently and aid us in meeting many DEQ requirements.

Fire Prevention Week October 8th ~ 14th

"Cooking Safety Starts With You!"

*Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

- *Unattended cooking is the leading cause of all cooking fires in the home
- *Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- *Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- *Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so that no one can bump them or pull them over.
- *Keep your cooking area free of combustible materials
- *Never throw hot grease in the garbage, let grease cool before disposing
- *Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

According to NFPA cooking equipment is the leading cause, causing 49% of home fires that resulted in 21% of the home fire deaths and 45% of the injuries.

Serve Up Fire Safety In The Kitchen!!



Do you want to be more involved in your community?
Do you like being a part of a great team?
Do you want to make a difference?



You could be exactly what the city emergency service need!

You will receive the needed training, equipment, and support that you need to become a valued member of a great team of professionals who provide excellent fire protection and medical services for your community.

If you would like to become a volunteer and would like an application or more information, stop by, call or email city hall today!



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Union Carnegie Public Library

Thank You to everyone who came out to our 111th birthday party!!

We'd like to acknowledge the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers for their wonderful performance, and The Granada Theater & Brickyard Lanes for the donation of prizes.

Congratulations to:

Lucas Freitag for winning the sack race

Travis Mooney for winning the donut eating contest

Julius Mitsch, James Kennedy, Ainsley Colkitt, Karma Kuhl & Landon Bell for winning Tug of War!

Adult Craft Night October 9th @ 5pm

Join us while we make gourmet caramel apples at Catherine Creek Community Center. **Sign up is required. Limited to 10 participants**

Storytime Tuesdays from 10am ~ 11am

Oct 3rd Test Tube Terrarium

Oct 10th Math in Art: figure drawing

Oct 17th Beading

Oct 24th Math in Art: gridwork

Oct 31st Scary Portraits



Library Hours:

Monday ~ 10am to 6pm

Tuesday thru Thursday ~ 10am to 5pm

Friday ~ 10am to 4pm

Union Carnegie Public Library

181 S. Main

Union, OR 97883

541~562~5811

Tiffany Derichsweiler ~ Librarian

Check us out on Facebook @Union,OR Carnegie Library



Prioritize Emergency Preparedness

Create peace of mind with a plan....

It seems that there is a natural disaster or weather related emergency on the news daily. Emergency plans should account for multiple emergency scenarios. The plans should be developed, discussed and shared with all members of your household. A crucial part of creating an emergency plan is building an emergency kit. Emergency kits consist of basic items of your household you may need in the event of a shelter-in-place or evacuation. With your kit consider the unique needs of each member of your household, such as medications, dietary restrictions, pet supplies etc.

Emergency Kit Checklist:

An emergency kit is a collection of food, water and supplies that can sustain you and your family for multiple days. Use a waterproof container with a secure lid. It could be one container or multiple depending on the number of people in your household.

At a minimum your kit should include:

- ◆ Bottled water (one gallon per person per day for several days)
- ◆ Medications and any other individual needs for each member of your household
- ◆ Nonperishable food
- ◆ Battery powered or hand crank radio
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ First-aid kit
- ◆ Extra Batteries
- ◆ Whistle to signal for help
- ◆ Dust mask to filter contaminated air
- ◆ Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sheltering in place
- ◆ Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties
- ◆ Tools such as pliers, screw driver and hammer
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ Local Maps
- ◆ Cellphone with chargers and backup battery.

Pet Care Items

- ◆ Pet food, water, food and water bowls, proper identification, pet carrier or portable kennel, collar and leash

For additional recommended items visit: [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)





AUTUMN BAZAAR
&
FARMERS MARKET
Catherine Creek Community Center

October 14th
12 ~ 5pm

ARTS, CRAFTS, JEWELRY, FOOD,
FRESH FARM PRODUCE,
UNIQUE GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON
AHEAD!

For more information, or if you have questions contact
CCCCenter667@gmail.com

***Masquerade Ball tickets will be available*



CATHERINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
UP COMING EVENTS!

NOVEMBER 11TH 12 ~ 5PM
HOLIDAY BAZAAR

DECEMBER 2ND 11AM ~ 5PM
WINTER WONDERLAND BAZAAR
ARTISTS ~ CRAFTS ~ CONCESSION ~ GIFTS ~ MUSIC
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

WINTER WONDERLAND PARADE TO FOLLOW
MAIN STREET UNION

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE
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October is a symphony of
permanence and change ~

~ Bonara W Overstreet



Burn Ban Lifted

As of October 1st the burn ban
will be lifted. To burn within the
city limits you must have a valid
2023 burn permit.

Remember: The only items you
can burn

- * Dry leaves, twigs, yard debris
- * Unwaxed cardboard and paper

DO NOT BURN

- * Garbage
- * Tires
- * Wet yard debris

Open burn piles should be no
larger than 2'x 3'. It is required to
monitor open burn piles, and have
fire suppression items present.

Burn barrels need to have a safe
area of at least 15' from barrel.
Must have a screen spark arrester.



Classic Rock
MASQUERADE BALL

Buffet Dinner ~ Live Music ~ Silent Auction



October 21st 7:00pm ~ 12:00am
Semi~Formal Aventura Masquerade Mas Required
21 years & over

Live Music by: Eye For An Eye (I4NI)
Local Artists: Christopher Bechtel, Jeff Carman, Mark Emerson,
Robert Minarich & Scott Arnson

Location:
Eastern Oregon Livestock Show ~ Mace's Starting
Gate
760 E Delta Union, OR

www.catherinecreekcommunitycenter.com
Pre-event Tickets: Singles \$35 & Couples \$65
Tickets can be purchased on website



Sponsors: Grande Ronde Hospital & Clinics, Loveland Safe Ride,
Elkhorn Media Group, PIFCU, Union Food Mart, Barreto, Hines
Meat Co. & Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

All funds raised will go towards operational costs & community



What's Happening At The Museum in October:

The Museum has closed to the public for the winter months. Volunteer efforts will now be focused on interior cleaning, repairing, covering displays and hopefully much needed roof repair. We were sad to see summer end. Our visitors and interactions with hosts and volunteers made for a truly enjoyable and memorable season.

Keep watching for a new display this fall in one of our large windows. Our curator Sharon Hohstadt will be showcasing children's toys from the past. It's fun to remember some of the cute and entertaining toys that required no batteries and had no sound effects or flashing lights. It's a fact, kids had hours of fun with some of the most basic toys. A few of the play things that will be showcased include a pair of snow skates. These are simply a small plastic ski with bindings that easily fit over shoes and provided a great way to glide over snow. These snow skates are still in their original box. There will also be a wooden duck with metal feet that make a waddling motion when pulled by a string. There will also be a container of marbles in an interesting and unique wooden box. Kids had lots of fun with marbles. School grounds always had large circles drawn in the dirt with kids playing marbles. This was a game that required skill and dexterity to keep the first knuckle on the ground while flicking the shooter marble with the thumb. Actually some marbles from the past are quite valuable today. One very rare marble is made of clear glass with a small figurine in the center. Other marbles have such interesting names as catseye, oxblood, dobies, onionskin and even uranium glass which would glow in the dark. I think we should carefully check those marbles in the wooden container. Small furniture, puzzles, paper dolls and pop up toys will also be included in this remembrance of childhood window display.

The Museum's Annual Meeting will be held at the Little White Church at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 13. Everyone is invited to attend. In addition to the business meeting we are planning interactive entertainment in the form of "show and tell" reminiscent of sharing from elementary school days. Attendees are encouraged to bring an item--historic, unique, nostalgic, or an unidentified object to show to the group. It's always fun to see the many different things people bring to such an event. We are looking forward to a fun evening.

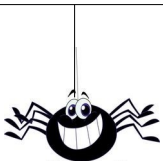
Please join us.



Snippet of Union's History.....

Oregon Scout 10/29/1891

On Monday evening while Mr. Bowker was preparing to depart for the west bound train, he had occasion to drive over in North Union for a passenger. It was quite dark and while making a turn in the street in front of the Stevens residence drove on the edge of an embankment caused by dirt being taken out to make a fill in some other part of the street, when the bus was suddenly over-turned, throwing himself and one passenger, an aged lady by the name of Mrs. Wood, out. Mr. Bowker was not much hurt but lost control of the lines and the team started to runaway, when the bus again became righted. The team ran but a short distance when they stopped doing but little damage outside of a broken neck-yoke and double-tree. Mrs. Wood was picked up and medical assistance summoned when it was found out that she was quite severely hurt. It is thought some of her ribs are broken or that she is injured internally which may yet prove fatal.



How Can You Help The Museum?

The Union County Museum is staffed solely by valued volunteers. Occasionally, there are no volunteers available to act as hosts. We apologize, if the museum is closed, but it is for this reason. Recently we have been able to increase our open business days due to a few more volunteers, and we would love to be able to open even more days. But this can only be done with additional volunteers.

If you live in Union County and would like to volunteer as a host please contact

Raye Clark @ 541-414-7316 or email hookandraye@yahoo.com

You are also welcome to come by, visit the museum and speak with Raye about becoming a volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!



Ordinance Education Corner...

Ordinance 99 pertaining to the accumulation and stockpiling of waste within the city limits:

The accumulation and storage of waste is hereby found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight, deterioration and unsightliness, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to create a harborage for rodents and insects, and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city. Therefore, the presence of waste on private property in violation of this ordinance is declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be fined and/or abated in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

Waste is defined as materials that can decompose, giving rise to foul smelling products, or creating health hazard or which is capable of attracting or providing food for potential disease carriers such as birds, rodents, flies or other vectors.

For the full ordinance you can find it on our website www.cityofunion.com or call city hall at 541-562-5197

**The City will be monitoring trailers with accumulation of garbage and waste. Trailers should be emptied regularly as to not violate the ordinance referenced above.

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 on the email list.



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Upcoming Wastewater Influent Screen Project
- ⇒ Upcoming Water System Update Project
- ⇒ Union County Sheriff Contract
- ⇒ Hiring of new City Administrator
- ⇒ Reviewing Nuisance Ordinances

~City Council Members ~

Jay Blackburn Dick Middleton
Tim Cox John Black
John Farmer Anita Davis

Mayor Susan Hawkins

October 2023 Council Meetings

- October 9th
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- October 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 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 Wednesday night	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar