

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

November 2023

Cold Weather On It's Way....

Once again Old Man Winter will soon be here. And cold weather can cause a whole lot of troubles! It can cause water pipes to freeze and rupture. We urge you to take extra precautions both inside and outside. These precautions can save you hundreds of dollars in repairs and plumber costs.

Prior to freezing temperatures:

- ◆ Remove hoses from outside faucets and frost-free hydrants
- ◆ Install faucet insulation boxed on outside faucets
- ◆ Install or repair pipe insulation or heat tape on waterlines under the house, or other easily frozen areas
- ◆ Check insulation in and around crawl spaces

During freezing temperatures:

- ◆ It is recommended that you let your faucets **trickle** (just the size of a pencil lead)
- ◆ Leave cabinet doors open to let warm air get to pipes
- ◆ Leave your thermostat at an even temperature throughout the day and night

If your pipes do happen to freeze, **do not thaw them with a torch**. Instead, thaw them slowly by directing warm air along the pipe, do not focus on just one spot. Trying to thaw too quickly could cause the pipe to burst.

Don't procrastinate, it is so much easier to do these things now and not wait for winter freezing temperatures to hit us!



November 5th...!

It's that time of year again, and also the time to take these preventative measures in your home:

- * Test and clean smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Change batteries!
- * Inspect/sweep chimney. It's always preferable to hire a professional
- * Check weatherstripping around doors and windows

Do you rent? Oregon State Law states that the owner of any rental dwelling unit or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for supplying, and installing a properly working smoke detector. Check to make sure you have properly working smoke detectors, if not contact your landlord or property manager immediately.



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- ◆ Write and send a letter to someone currently serving and thank them for their service
- ◆ Buy a Veteran a cup of coffee, or better yet, a meal
- ◆ Buy a Buddy Poppy and wear it proudly
- ◆ Look up your ancestry and learn about someone in your family who served in the military
- ◆ Visit a VA facility and greet the Veterans there and give of your time to volunteer to help
- ◆ Shake the hand of a Veteran, and show them respect and thank them for their service
- ◆ Visit the gravesite of a Veteran, place flowers and observe a moment of silence in their honor
- ◆ Take a moment and reflect on what it means to live in America, and remember just why this is a free country



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Union Carnegie Public Library

We are looking for playhouse donations for a project. Contact the library at 541~562~5811 if you can help. Playhouses can be returned, but they will be redecorated.

Storytime Tuesdays from 10am ~ 11am

Nov 7th Knights
Nov 14th Suncatchers
Nov 21st Life-sized Scarecrow drawing
Nov 28th Glass Corn Painting



Nov 21st ~ Nov 30th Maker Space: Light Brite

Adult Craft Night Nov 13th from 5pm ~ 6pm, Botanical Lanterns

Thank you to the Wing Family, Platz Farms, and the Mitsch Family for the pumpkin donations to make our annual pumpkin painting a success!!

We 
Our Library

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

BRRRRR.....

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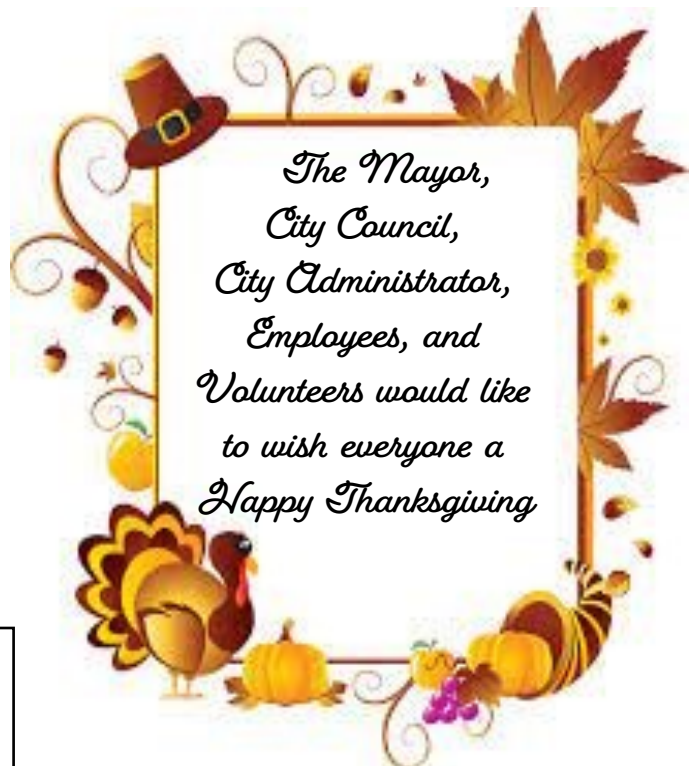
OUR PETS LOOK TO US LOVE AND COMFORT, DON'T LET THEM DOWN.

REMINDER!!

COLD WINTER WEATHER MEANS A WARM FIRE IN THE WOODSTOVE OR FIREPLACE. MAKE SURE YOU DISPOSE OF THOSE ASHES IN THE CORRECT AND SAFE WAY. ASHES SHOULD BE PLACED IN A METAL, EVEN IF YOU THINK THEY ARE COLD. TO BE SAFE, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE THE METAL BUCKETS OF ASHES OUT OF THE HOUSE IMMEDIATELY AFTER COLLECTING THEM AND DISPOSING OF THEM IN A SECURE LOCATION, SUCH AS ON TOP OF A SNOWBANK IN THE WINTER OR IN A MOIST AREA IN WARMER MONTHS AWAY FROM DRY GRASS OR WEEDS. NEVER STORE ASHES WITHIN 10 FEET OF YOUR HOUSE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE BUILDING.

BY FAR THE MOST COMMON AND ANCIENT USE FOR WOOD ASHES IS FOR SOIL AMENDMENT. THEY CONTAIN LOTS OF CALCIUM, WHICH NEUTRALIZES ACIDITY, PLUS SOME POTASSIUM, PHOSPHORUS, AND TRACE ELEMENTS. RECOMMEND SPREADING WOOD ASH IN AN APPLICATION OF 20 POUNDS PER 1,000-SQUARE-FEET — WHICH WORKS OUT TO A FIVE-GALLON BUCKET OF ASH.

NEVER PUT ASHES IN YOUR TRASH CAN!!



Street Light Out?...

If you notice a street light out, you can contact us here at city hall and we can contact OTEC and have them fix it.

We need a location and the pole number to turn it in. The pole number is on a metal plate attached to the light pole.

Happy Thanksgiving





What's Happening At The Museum in November:

Although the Museum is officially closed to the public, many activities are still happening. One very vital and important job is the accessioning of generously donated historic items which enable the Museum to change displays often. These donations are so very much appreciated because it enables us to share unique and wonderful things with our guests. I'd like to focus on some of our most recently acquired items. Two amazing coats were kindly donated by a Union resident. One is a brown fur coat owned by Venona Cross Brown. Venona was the first queen of the Union Livestock Show. Also there is a tan merino wool full length coat that was owned by Venona's daughter Lillian Brown. These ladies were no doubt warm in these coats while looking absolutely fabulous.

Another donation included a 1941 Royal Typewriter. I fondly remember learning to type on a manual typewriter. We typed for speed and accuracy and sometimes just for fun we typed to music. What a great skill and exercise designed to increase manual dexterity.

Some autograph books came in from the 1930's. This inspired me to check into other autograph books located in our collection and did I ever find some historic treasures. Edla Marie Wilbur from Union was the office secretary for the Union County Pioneer Association in 1890. The Association's motto was "Good wood, water and grass." Her book is filled with lovely poems written by friends. The penmanship is actually a work of art. It's amazing what can be done with a pen's nib and liquid ink.

Another autograph book belonging to Lueen Hall Benson dates back to 1880. This book contained some amazing signatures. The first entry was written by Lueen's uncle George Ames. George was the builder and the first owner of the historic Miller House located at the north end of Union's Main Street. Another entry written April 15, 1887 by Union resident George Beidleman states " Let not friendship be like the rose to sever, But like the evergreen, may it last forever."

We are so fortunate to have these handwritten items preserved at the Museum so they can be shared and enjoyed 137 years after long ago friends wrote endearments, and like the mentioning of the evergreen in the poem written by Mr. Beidleman, may they last forever.

Happy Thanksgiving and more next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

The Hot Lake, lying between Union and La Grande, has long been noted to possess medical properties, which should long before this have made it famous as a health resort, but its properties have never been properly advertised, and outside the state - we might almost say county - its existence is scarcely known.

Now, however, the lake has been purchased by a combination of capital, and incorporated under the name of The Hot Medical Lake Association, with N. Blum, M. Bakes, W.J. Snodgrass, S.F. Newhard, and A. Sommer as directors. They intend, as soon as the proper amount of stock is subscribed, to build a large and elegant hotel and lay out a town, which they will advertise extensively in all parts of the United States. Mr. Blum, when he went east a few months since, took some of the water with him and had it subjected to analysis to compare it with the waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and competent physicians pronounced it equal if not superior in curative properties to Hot Springs water. This ought to be sufficient in itself to make it popular as a health resort for the people of the Northwest. This enterprise will also be a benefit in advertising the Grand Ronde valley in general to the people of the east.

~Oregon Scout November 30, 1888

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Ordinance Education Corner...

With multiple complaints of barking dogs and dogs at large we want to remind people of the city ordinance regarding these issues:

The owner or keeper of a *dog* shall not allow the animal to be a public nuisance as defined in this chapter. The term PUBLIC NUISANCE *DOG* shall mean and include, but is not limited to, any *dog* that: (1) Is repeatedly found at large; (2) Damages the property of anyone other than its owner; (3) Molests or intimidates pedestrians or passersby; (4) Chases vehicles; (5) Excessively makes disturbing noises, including, but not limited to continued and repeated howling, *barking*, whining for more than 15 minutes or intermittent *barking* for more than 30 minutes in a 60 minute period, causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any *dog* to cause, permit or allow such *dog* to roam, run, stray or be away from the premises of such owner or custodian and to be on any public place, any public property or the private property of another within the city. An owner or custodian of a *dog* may take it off the owner’s or custodian’s premises provided the *dog* is under restraint.

We also want to remind citizens that dog complaints are handled by the Union County Animal Control. You can call them at 541~963~1017

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

November 2023 Council Meetings

- November 13th
 - Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
 - Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- November 27th
 - 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
- [Like us on Facebook!](#)



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	UHS Ag Science Classroom at the back of the gym	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