

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

January 2024



Fire/EMS Annexation Hearings

We invite you to join us:

The **1st Public Hearing** to discuss annexation of the City Fire/EMS with the Rural Fire Protection District will be held January 8, 2024, at 6:00pm. Please join us at the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, located at 342 S Main, Union OR

The **2nd Public Hearing** to discuss the annexation of the City Fire/EMS with the Rural Fire Protection District, will be held Monday February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm. in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers. Please join us.

Snow.....We know it's coming sooner or later....

The City of Union has the responsibility for the maintenance function of city streets within its boundaries and should work to control ice, slush and accumulated snow from city streets. In the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Union.

The City of Union will work to anticipate dangerous conditions brought on by freezing rain, black ice, or packed and/or freezing snow. Public Works will apply sand to major intersections, steep slopes, and any other area where ice could constitute a significant hazard. The City of Union snow removal policy states that public works may not initiate snow removal operations until four (4) inches of wet heavy snow, four (4) inches of dry blowing snow (20+ mph wind) or six (6) inches of dry powdery snow accumulates on the open ground. Where snow has reached the depths specified above and is not expected to immediately melt, the City may initiate snow removal operations.

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.

The City will not be responsible for clearing individual driveways which may become blocked during plowing operations.

Vehicles parked along primary and secondary streets where snow removal occurs may constitute a hazard risk to city equipment and inhibit snow removal operations. It is best to be aware of weather conditions and try to not park on primary street rights-of-way.

For a copy of the city's snow removal policy come by city hall or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com

2024 Burn Permits & Regulation Brochure

Now Available at City Hall

Permit cost is \$10.00

Valid this calendar year of 2024

No burning is allowed in the City of Union without
a current burn permit.

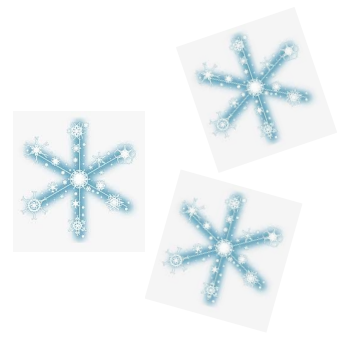


Union Carnegie Public Library

~January Activities~

Storytime Tuesdays from 10am ~ 11am

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| January 2nd | Design a Droid |
| January 9th | Coffee Filter Snowflakes |
| January 16th | Unicorn Hair |
| January 23rd | Pipe Cleaner Rings |
| January 30th | Straw Rockets |



After School Craft Group ~ January 2nd & January 16th 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Genetic Genealogy ~ January 8th starts @ 5:00pm

Adult Craft Night ~ January 15th starts @ 5:00pm

Start saving seeds for our February seed exchange!

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

★BYE 2023★

★HELLO 2024★

Fire/EMS Rate Forecast Committee

The City is looking for volunteers to be on this committee and participate in reviewing the current Fire/EMS rate and a forecasted rate for the future.

This committee will meet on the following dates:

January 9th @ 7pm

January 23rd @ 7pm

February 6th @ 7pm

February 20th @ 7pm

Meetings will be held at the Fire Hall, located at
570 E. Beakman, Union OR

If you would like to participate on this committee please stop by city hall and fill out a volunteer form. Or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com and one can be emailed upon request.

AS COLDER WEATHER COMES UPON US THIS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PETS NEED EXTRA CARE THIS TIME OF YEAR. GENERAL RULE IS....IF IT'S TOO COLD FOR YOU TO WANT TO BE OUTSIDE, IT'S ALSO TOO COLD FOR THEM TO BE OUTSIDE, ESPECIALLY WITH NO PROPER SHELTER, WATER AND FOOD.

COLDER WEATHER PUTS STRESS ON OUR PETS BODY, THEY NEED YOUR LOVE AND ATTENTION EVEN MORE! IF YOUR PET IS AN OUTDOOR PET MAKE SURE YOUR PET HAS AT LEAST A DRY AREA TO GET OUT OF THE ELEMENTS, WITH A BLANKET OR STRAW FOR WARMTH, AND ALWAYS PLENTY OF FRESH UNFROZEN WATER. MAYBE CONSIDER A HEATED WATER BOWL. IF YOU CAN LET YOUR PET INSIDE, AT LEAST TO A GARAGE OR SHED, WOULD BE IDEAL.

OUR PETS LOVE US UNCONDITIONALLY, PLEASE GIVE THEM LOVE IN RETURN.

We Can't Encourage This Enough.....

No one wants the expense of the repairs of frozen and/or broken pipes. Take a few simple steps now to prevent this from happening.

And don't forget to let your faucet 'trickle' during those freezing temperatures, this keep water moving through your pipes and the meter, preventing both from freezing up and possibly breaking.

Remember, a 'trickle' is about the size of a pencil lead. That's all it takes to possibly prevent a disaster.



What's Happening At The Museum in January:

There are a few activities going on at the Museum in January 2024. Our curator and three volunteers from Baker City and one from Union will continue accessioning donated items. Maintenance of the buildings is an ongoing task. There are some roof issues which need to be taken care of before the weather gets too bad.

If you haven't visited the Museum before I'd like to introduce you to some of our period rooms. We have a formal parlor, a historic kitchen with a wood cook stove and a pitcher pump, an old -fashioned bathroom with a zinc bathtub and a unique water closet and a lovely bedroom with a stunning hand crocheted bedspread. For me, as a volunteer, one task I have is to help maintain these wonderful displays. In doing so I get to touch, dust, polish and examine the workmanship of past decades.

The formal parlor has a leather horse-hair settee and two large leather rocking chairs. I have come to the conclusion after sitting on all of these antique pieces people probably didn't spend a great deal of time lounging on the furniture. An antique pump organ may have provided some good entertainment, but the seating comfort factor was probably very low.

The old-fashioned kitchen is my favorite. One can imagine the warmth from the wood cook stove and the cozy atmosphere of pots and pans and an ice box with large blocks of ice keeping food cool and a China cabinet with special dishes. There are also old cookbooks, and I discovered a list of "Things worth knowing and remembering" and I'm going to try the recipe for a breakfast table barometer. I hope some of you readers will try it as well. Here is what you do: *"A cup of hot coffee is an unfailing barometer if you allow a lump of sugar to drop to the bottom of the cup and watch the air bubbles arise without disturbing the coffee. If the bubbles collect in the middle the weather will be fine; if they adhere to the cup forming a ring it will either rain or snow; and if the bubbles separate without assuming any fixed position changeable weather may be expected."* Let's hope this January is one in which all air bubbles from a lump of sugar in your coffee stay in the middle of the cup.

Stay warm. More next month.

Snippet of Union's History.....

From Mr. Steve Conner, who called on us Wednesday, we learn that Michael Stoker, who lives on Catherine creek above town, while driving in with a sleigh loaded with wood, a few days ago, met with quite a mishap. While coming around the grade a short distance this side of Robins' mill a huge bank of snow was precipitated from above which hurled Mr. Stoker to a considerable distance and completely covered his team. Mr. Connor, who was passing at the time, assisted in hurriedly digging a hole down to the heads of the horses, so they could breathe, when, after about two hours hard work with shovels, they were liberated, having been but very little hurt. The snow was packed around them so hard that an axe had to be used at times to chip it away. It was a narrow escape.



~Oregon Scout January 20, 1888

~Robins' Mill



The Union County Museum is staffed solely by valued volunteers. The current number of volunteers have been able to increase the museum business hours by a few days, but they 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 and help this wonderful museum be open even more to visitors and county residents please contact Raye Clark @ 541-414-7316 or email hookandrayer@yahoo.com

Ordinance Education Corner...


Winter ordinance issues tend to slow down as winter comes upon us. Ordinance violation issues usually revolve around illegal parking issues, accumulation of garbage and trash, and living in trailers without the proper permits. The ordinance officer would like to remind you to stay on top of these issues. There is still someone always on patrol and noting violations, and you may receive a letter addressing an issue. This letter is not intended to be a threatening notice, just a reminder of what the ordinance states and educate the ways to be in compliance. Our ordinance officer would like to thank all of you who have complied over this past year and wishes everyone a very Happy New Year!!



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

Tim Cox

John Farmer

Dick Middleton

John Black

Anita Davis

Mayor Susan Hawkins

January 2024 Council Meetings

January 8th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm


January 22nd

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 |
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| 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 |