

City of Union Oregon NEWSLETTER

"PROMOTE RURAL VALUES, PROTECT LOCAL ASSETS AND FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE"

342 South Main Street P.O. Box 529 Union, OR 97883 541-562-5197 Fax 541-562-5196 cityhall@CityOfUnion.com www.CityOfUnion.com

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

May 2024



From The Desk Of...

Celeste Tate
City Administrator

As the saying goes April showers bring May flowers. I am enjoying all the color that is popping up around town. A part of springtime events is the annual community Clean-Up Day that is happening on May 11th from 9am-1pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to bring in your yard debris and other items that have accumulated over the winter (please refer to section on clean-up day for specifics on accepted items).

Public Works has several projects that are happening now and others that are coming up soon. These include work on well #2, paid for with grant dollars and will also take public works time to complete. The hope is to have the well project complete on both wells by the end of August. Public Works is also preparing for several chip sealing projects that will be happening in mid-July. More information is to come in the June newsletter on areas that will see work completed.

Public Works is required to inventory all water lines for lead piping. I have contributed \$100 personally to a drawing on June 5th for a gift card. Please return your surveys by June 3rd to be entered into this drawing. Survey is included with this newsletter.

The City of Union will be hiring soon to fill a full-time vacancy in the Public Works Department as a Utility/Water/Maintenance position. The hope is to have that position filled by late May, early June.

Budget meetings wrapped up last week with the budget committee voting to approve the budget to go forward to council for deliberations in June. The budget hearing for the 2024-2025 budget will be held on June 10th at 7:15pm at city hall. I want to thank all of the budget committee members for giving of their time last week and providing their input on the proposed budget. Thank You!

Coming up on June 24th at 6pm, there will be a work session held on the proposed Parks Master Plan with the architect in attendance. Please attend to give your input on what you would like to see in your town.

As a reminder, don't forget to vote come May 21st. There are county positions as well as measures that will be on the ballot including the annexation of city fire and EMS services into the Union Rural Fire Protection District. Please make sure to fill out your ballots and let your voice be heard!

Stop and enjoy the flowers and take in some of those rays of sunshine!

Celeste Tate



CLEAN-UP DAY!! SATURDAY MAY 11th 9am ~ 1pm

NEW LOCATION: PUBLIC WORKS SHOPS

61323 Hwy 203 (next to the gun club)

There will be people in attendance to direct you once you get to the gate

Accepted Items:

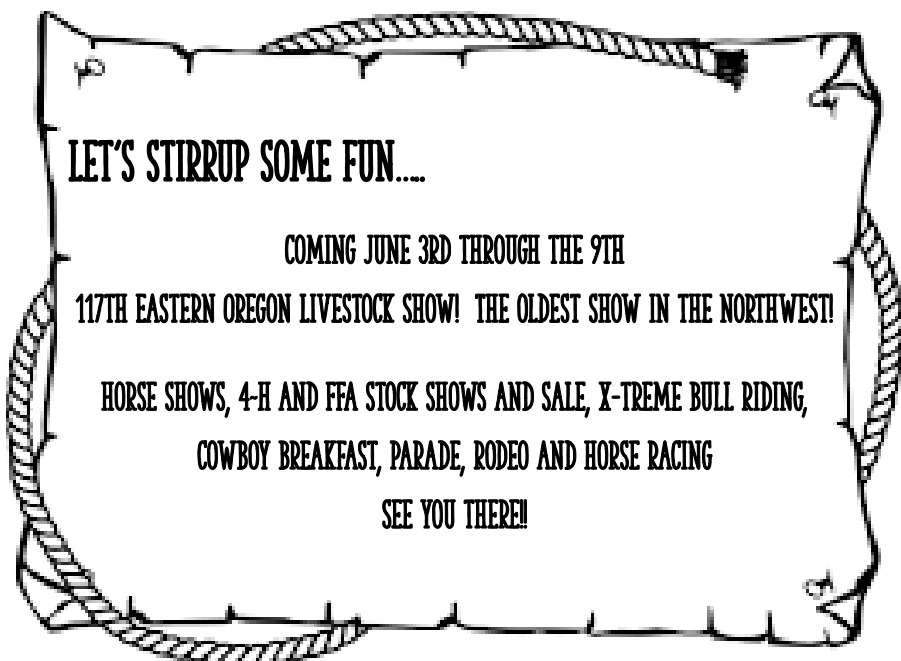
- * Yard Debris *Household items (appliances, lawn mowers, furniture, mattresses, etc)
- * Electronics *Tires (without rims) only 4 per household, limited space, when box is full no more accepted
- *Outdoor kids toys and bikes

NOT ACCEPTED:

- *NO Household garbage *NO Hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, etc)
- * NO Roofing shingles * NO Ashes * NO Batteries



UNION RESIDENTS ONLY



Union Carnegie Public Library

~May Activities~



Summer Reading Program sign-ups will begin May 20th. Stop by the Library to pick up sign-up forms. All ages are welcome to sign up! The first event will be June 10th.

See the upcoming schedules on the following pages

“Thank You” to Louise Sheldon and Nancy Dahlstrom for the donation of summer reading program prizes!

Storytime Tuesdays

Read together time from 10:00am ~ 10:30am
Craft together time from 10:30am ~ 11:00am

- | | |
|----------|----------------------|
| May 7th | Mother's Day Bouquet |
| May 14th | Knights & Shields |
| May 21st | Patriotic Pinwheels |
| May 28th | Catapults |



After School Craft Group ~ May 7th & 21st 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Youth Book Club every Friday 10:00am ~ 11:00am

The Librarian will read the *Journal of Wong Ming-Chung* and participants will put together Legos and Metal Earth locomotive sets. This group is ideal for kids with a reading equivalency of grades 3-7. Activities purchased with grant funding from Oregon Humanities.

Adult Craft Nights ~ May 5:00pm ~ 6:00pm

Adult crafts in May are all sponsored by the Oregon Humanities Grant!

- | | |
|----------|-----------------------|
| May 6th | Clay Study |
| May 13th | Plant & Mineral Paint |
| May 20th | Plant Based Ink |

Thank you to Tony Soares for partnering with us on our cultural clay study, and to Caretakers of the Land Naknuwithlama Tiichamna for partnering with on our plant-based ink class.

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



Happy Mother's Day

Check us out on Facebook @Union,OR Carnegie Library

CHECK IT OUT
Book Club



Summer Reading Program 2024



0-5 Schedule

Every Tuesday from 10-11 AM

6/11	Ball Drop	Library	10 AM
6/18	Upcycled Puzzles	Library	10 AM
6/25	Box Drive in Theater	Library	10 AM
7/2	Nature Bracelets	Library/Park	10 AM
7/9	Sand Dough	Library	10 AM
7/16	Nail Salon	Library	10 AM
7/23	Bead Necklaces	Library	10 AM
7/30	Cardboard Castle	Library	10 AM
8/16	Weaving Station/Lacing Cards	Library	10 AM
8/13	Bubbles	Library/Park	10 AM
8/20	Tube Animals	Library	10 AM

All events are free. Summer reading program sign up is required to attend any event. Sign-ups will be available at the library in late May.

School-Age Schedule

6/14	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
6/17	Mini Pinatas	Library	10 AM
6/19	Blacksmithing Demo	702 Adams, La Grande	Age 10+ 10-11:30 AM
6/20	*The Compost Chick	Park	10 AM
6/21	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
6/26	Box Night Lights	Library	10 AM
6/27	Titanic Interactive Exhibit	Catherine Creek Community Center	10 AM
6/28	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
7/1	Fairy Houses	Park	10 AM
7/5	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
7/8	Entomology	Park	10 AM
7/8	OSU Food Hero	Library	2 PM
7/10	Journey Under the Sea	Library	2:30 PM
7/11	Rock Tic Tac Toe	Library	10 AM
7/12	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
7/15	Tube Animals	Library	10 AM
7/15	OSU Food Hero	Library	2 PM
7/17	Drawstring Bags	Library	10 AM
7/19	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
7/22	Pounded Flower Prints	Park	10 AM
7/22	OSU Food Hero	Library	2 PM
7/24	Jiu Jitsu	Grande Ronde Fitness	10 AM
7/25	Creek Monitoring	Park	11 AM
7/26	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
7/29	Underwaterscope	Library	10 AM
8/2	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM

School Age Schedule ~ continued



8/5	Soap Carving	Library	10 AM
8/7	Salmon Life Cycle	Park	10 AM
8/9	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
8/12	Animals on the Move	Park	10 AM
8/14	Museum Treasure Trunk	Library	10 AM
8/16	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM
8/23	Youth Book Club	Library	10 AM

All events are free. Summer reading program sign up is required to attend any event. Sign-ups will be available at the library in late May.

*Events with an asterisk will require additional sign up through library due to limited supplies.

All-Ages Schedule

6/10	Slackline	Park	10 AM
6/12	*Bird Watching	Ladd Marsh	8 AM
6/13	**Horseback Riding	Park	10-12 AM
6/24	Catherine Creek Hides	Catherine Creek Community Center	10 AM
7/1	Cup Greenhouses	Library	10 AM
7/10	Sea Slime	Library	10 AM
7/18	Savage Serpents	Catherine Creek Community Center	10 AM
7/25	Parachute	Park	10 AM
7/31	Marble Run Contest	Library	10 AM
8/1	Cupcake Walk	Park	10 AM
8/8	Book Character Costume Contest	Park	10 AM
8/10	Puppeteer	Park	1 PM

All events are free. Summer reading program sign up is required to attend any event. Sign-ups will be available at the library in late May.

*Events with an asterisk will require additional sign up through library due to limited supplies.

**to pre-register for horseback riding select the box on the summer reading program sign up sheet. Pre-registration is required.

Adult Schedule

Every Monday at 5 PM, except Blacksmith Demo

6/10	Coffee roasting	City Park	5 PM
6/17	Penmanship	Library	5 PM
6/19	Blacksmithing Demo	702 Adams, La Grande	Age 10+ 10-11:30 AM
6/24	Titanic	Catherine Creek Community Center	5 PM
7/1	Soda can calligraphy brush	library	5 PM
7/8	Paper making	library	5 PM
7/15	Book binding	library	5 PM
7/22	Upcycled flower press	library	5 PM
7/29	*Escape room board game	library	5 PM
8/5	*Eco-dye silk	library	5 PM
8/12	Kintsugi	library	5 PM

All events are free. Summer reading program sign up is required to attend any event. Sign-ups will be available at the library in late May.

*Events with an asterisk will require additional sign up through library due to limited supplies.



Union Residents,

Recently the city installed a new influent screen at the treatment facility, and to keep it and the rest of the treatment facility working for many years to come, we want to educate our residents/business owners what should and should not go down your drain or toilet.

The city’s treatment facility is designed to handle only water, human waste and toilet tissue. And that is all.

Any other items lead to blockages, equipment damage, equipment failure and costly repair or replacement costs. These costs are paid for by you - the customer in sewer rates.

Examples of a few items that should NOT go down the drain or toilet to the city sewer system:

- * Cloth rags or towels
- * Baby wipes, toilet wipes, hygiene towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind. Even if they indicate they are ‘flushable’ or ‘biodegradable’ they truly are not and the city’s treatment facility will not operate properly when these are in the sewer system.
- * Paper - no Kleenex, no paper towels. Only toilet tissue!
- * Medications or medical items, such as syringes
- * Feminine hygiene products or prophylactics
- * Beauty products, dental floss, q-tips, or makeup
- * Plastics of any kind
- * Grease of any kind - especially cooking grease
- * Garden supplies, pesticides or fertilizers
- * Paint, varnishes or paint remover



All of the items listed above should be discarded in the trash or disposed of properly as directed.

ONLY WATER, HUMAN WASTE AND TOILET TISSUE SHOULD BE FLUSHED INTO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM! PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS, EQUIPMENT REPAIRS OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES, NOT JUST TO THE CITY SEWER, BUT ALSO YOUR PRIVATE SEWER SYSTEM, LEADING TO COSTLY REPAIRS.

Don't Forget to Vote!
May 21, 2024

Union’s Measure 31-120

Annexation of Union Rural Fire Department
and Union Fire Department / Emergency
Medical Services

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email?

Just email lauradodds@cityofunion.com and we will put you on the email list.

Upcoming November Elections....

The city will have open seats for three city council positions and the mayor position. These positions will be on the November 2024 ballot. If you would like to become more involved in the city we encourage you to run for an office.

More information, applications, signature sheets and candidate instructions can be picked up at City Hall or the Union County Clerks Office in La Grande.



We would like your help....

We are required by the Oregon Water Works Association to inventory and report any lead water-lines for every Union household. We would like your help in determining what type of waterline material you have. If you know, or can find out what type of line you have between the meter and your house, and return this information by June 3rd we would greatly appreciate it. To show our appreciation for your help, your name will be entered in a drawing for \$100.00 gift card. The winning name will be drawn June 5th.

Name of resident: _____

Street Address: _____

Waterline Material: _____

Phone Number: _____

Entry can be mailed to PO Box 529, dropped in payment drop box, or brought to the office at city hall.



What's Happening at the Museum in May....

After busy winter months accessioning donated items and keeping up with building maintenance we are looking forward to having the Museum open to the public. Please join us for the Mother's Day open house May 12 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge on our opening day. There will be refreshments and also an unveiling of a special memorial tribute to Gordon Drummond, a local blacksmith who created many useful and decorative items including the front gates to the museum.

We appreciate the generous donations of items that make our museum so special. Items may be donated specifically for inclusion in displays. Folks may also donate items specifically to be sold in our gift shop. Gift shop sales are used to support museum financial needs. If you haven't visited the Museum's gift shop you are missing out on a great shopping opportunity where you can find new items as well as collectable items at truly affordable prices. You will find quite a selection of items for children including some cute pink fluffy poodles, kits with felt projects to assemble, bendable animals and bags of marbles. If you are interested in cook books there are several that would be a useful treasure in any collection. If you like jewelry there is a wonderful assortment of classy items. And recently we had a specific gift shop donation of many toy cars and trucks as well as some antique items.

Take some time on Mother's Day, May 12 to join us at the Museum to see the new outdoor blacksmith display, browse through the gift shop, enjoy our many historic displays and visit with friends. We look forward to seeing you May 12.



Snippet of Union's History.....

We understand the following rules have been adopted by the Young Ladies Christian Temperance Union:

- The man who tips the red wine, shall never glue his lips to mine.*
- The man who chews the navy plug, will in my parlor get no hug.*
- He who drinks or cuts the deck, shall never never chew my neck,*
- He who gurgles lager beer, shall never, never bite my ear.*
- Drink nothing stronger than ginger pop, or in your lap I'll never flop.*
- If nought but water you ever taste keep your arm from around my waist.*
- If you drink wine or other slop you'll never hear my corset pop.*
- The man who smokes the cigarette shall never squeeze me you bet.*
- The man who tipples the good old gin shall never chuckle me under the chin.*
- Young man if none of these vices you possess all of us you may caress.*

~Scout - 10/17/1889

Rodeo Bible Camp



July 7th ~ 11th

Registration is now open!

More information can be found online at:

rodeobiblecamp.org

Watch the newsletter next month for more information!

Union County Museum Opening Day May 12th!

The Union County Museum is staffed solely by valued volunteers.

If you live in Union County and would like to volunteer as a host or would like more information of what it means to be a host please contact Raye Clark @ 541-414-7316 or email

hookandrave@yahoo.com



City Council welcomes and encourages your participation with many committees that they have deemed an important goal for this year. If you are interested in becoming involved with any of the following committees please come and join in:

- * Water/Sewer Committee: 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30pm
- * Charter Committee: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ 9:00pm
- * Zoning Committee: 1st Thursday of the month @ 6:00pm
- * Trails Committee: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00pm
- * Ordinances Committee: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00pm

All meetings will be held at City Hall

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ City/Rural Fire annexation
- ⇒ Upcoming Water System Update Project
- ⇒ Union County Sheriff Contract
- ⇒ Reviewing Ordinances

~City Council Members ~

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

Mayor Susan Hawkins

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR....

WEED ENFORCEMENT WILL BE IN FULL FORCE IN UNION IN THE WEEKS TO COME. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THAT TALL GRASS AND THOSE NOXIOUS WEEDS UNDER CONTROL! NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE ELIMINATED TO PREVENT SPREADING. WHILE THERE ARE 28 SPECIES OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ON THE TRI-COUNTY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT LIST, HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MOST DETRIMENTAL TO OUR AREA:

PUNCTURE VINE, KNAPWEED, WHITETOP AND THISTLE.

YOU CAN CHECK OUT A FIELD GUIDE TO EASTERN OREGON'S NOXIOUS WEEDS FROM THE UNION LIBRARY FOR HELP IDENTIFYING ALL NOXIOUS WEEDS. WE WANT TO REMIND ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR GRASS CUT AND NOT OVER 10"

May 2024 Council Meetings

- May 13th
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- No Work Session on the Fourth Monday
- 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	541-562-2038
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	5:30 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	541-562-2038
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 Wednesdaynight	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar