

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 10:00am - 4:00pm

July 2024



From The Desk Of.....

Celeste Tate

City Administrator

With the warm weather comes summer projects in full swing. The state will be chip sealing Highway 203 and 237 from approximately Pierce Road, to North Powder from July 15th – July 25th. Please plan accordingly for delays.

The city of Union will also have a chip sealing project occurring mid-July around July 17th-19th on S 4th Street from W Dearborn to W Arch Street. Exact dates will be posted online when available and residents will be notified.

With the warm weather comes yard sales. Please remember to take down old yard sale signs after the sale is over.

The city welcomes Laura Anderson and Samn Diller sharing the position as part-time assistant librarians. Laura has previously volunteered at the library in the past and Samn comes with prior experience in K-12 school libraries. We are excited to have them aboard!

The city has hired Shawna Opie for Code Enforcement. She will be starting on July 1st and will be working with the city to help make the community a better place.

The budget was passed for FY 24-25 by the City Council on June 10th, 2024.

Thank you to those who attended the City Council work session on June 24th to review the proposed Parks Master Plan with council and the architect. The proposed Master Plan is the culmination of months of work from Main Street Union, community members and volunteers. During the process over 450 survey results were received which is a very high turnout for our size of community. Thank you for your input. Next steps will be for the council to consider the proposed master plan at a council meeting for adoption and if adopted, it will be used for future grant applications to hopefully start bringing elements of the plan to life!

Committee meetings for Zoning, Parks, Trails, Charter and Water/Sewer continue through the summer. Public participation is encouraged. Please call the office for meeting times. All meetings are at City Hall.

Thunder at the Peak will be on July 4th with a cornhole tournament, main street vendors and fireworks at dark. The Family Roots Blues and Brews for July is also coming up on the 26th and Main Street Union is looking for vendors. Make sure to fill out and application if interested. I encourage you to attend and enjoy the festivities in the city and hopefully great weather.

Celeste Tate

Thunder at the Peak

4th of July Celebration!

~Mainstreet Union sponsored Vendors 6:00pm to 9:30pm Main Street~

~ Corn Hole Tournament @ the Baptist Church 5:00pm~

Join us at Buffalo Peak Golf Course for Music & Fireworks @ 10:00pm



Main Street Union and Catherine Creek Community Center Present

FAMILY ROOTS BLUES & BREWS AT UNION CITY PARK

Friday, July 26th @ 5pm

Music, local flavor,
and family fun!

Upcoming Blues & Brews...
September 27th

Annual Block Party...
August 24th

Plan on joining us!

Want to be a vendor at one of these events? You can pick up an application at City Hall, or email msunion.2022@yahoo.com, or check us out on Facebook and message us for one. Email or Facebook message us if you need more information.



HAPPENING'S IN UNION THIS SUMMER!

GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th

Historic Downtown Union!
Activities all day long!



- **City Wide Yard Sales **Vendors **Catherine Creek Duck Race*
 - *Kiddy Fair **Homemade Hat Contest **Live Music **Food
 - **Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale **Lawn Mower Races
 - **Remember When Car Show
 - **Family Street Dance
- And so much, much more!



Want to be a vendor or enter the car show? Vendor applications & car show registration forms are available at city hall, by email to grassroots@eoni.com or by calling Donna at 541-786-1492.



RODEO BIBLE CAMP

The public is invited to attend Rodeo Day & Auction on July 11th at 11:00am at the EOLS grounds.

These kids work hard all week! Come watch and support these future rodeo champs in multiple rodeo events! And don't forget to attend the auction after the rodeo!!

Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, September 21st

7pm ~ 12am

Mace's Starting Gate

- ~Live Music~Dinner~Desert~Drink Specials~Best Dressed~
- ~Best Hat Contest~Games~
- ~Stick Horse Races~Silent Auction~

Tickets go on sale July 15th!

All proceeds raised go to the programs & operating needs of the Community Center





Union Carnegie Public Library



~July Activities~

Summer Reading Program schedule in July

7/1	FAIRY HOUSES (SCHOOL AGE)	PARK	10AM
7/1	CUP GREENHOUSES (ALL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/1	SODA CAN CALLIGRAPHY BRUSH (ADULTS)	LIBRARY	5PM
7/2	NATURE BRACELETS (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY/PARK	10AM
7/5	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/8	ENTOMOLOGY (SCHOOL AGE)	PARK	10AM
7/8	OSU FOOD HERO (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	2PM
7/8	PAPER MAKING (ADULT)	LIBRARY	5PM
7/9	SAND DOUGH (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/10	SEA SLIME (ALL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/10	JOURNEY UNDER THE SEA (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	2:30PM
7/11	ROCK TIC TAC TOE (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/12	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/15	TUBE ANIMALS (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/15	OSU FOOD HERO (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	2PM
7/15	BOOK BINDING (ADULT)	LIBRARY	5PM
7/16	NAIL SALON (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/17	DRAWSTRING BAGS (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/18	SAVAGE SERPENTS (ALL AGES)	CATHERINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER	10AM
7/19	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/22	POUNDED FLOWER PRINTS (SCHOOL AGE)	PARK	10AM
7/22	OSU FOOD HERO (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	2PM
7/22	UPCYCLED FLOWER PRESS (ADULTS)	LIBRARY	5PM
7/23	BEAD NECKLACES (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/24	JUI JITSU (SCHOOL AGE)	GRANDE RONDE FITNESS	10AM
7/25	PARACHUTE (ALL AGES)	PARK	10AM
7/25	CREEK MONITORING (SCHOOL AGE)	PARK	11AM
7/26	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/29	UNDER-WATER-SCOPE (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/29	*ESCAPE ROOM BOARD GAME (ADULT)	LIBRARY	5PM
7/30	CARDBOARD CASTLE (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
7/31	MARBLE RUN CONTEST (ALL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM

PLEASE NOTE: *EVENTS WITH AN ASTERISK WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SIGN UP THROUGH THE LIBRARY DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLIES

Thank you to our community partners for volunteering their time and expertise in the summer reading program:

EOU Outdoor Adventure Program ~ Jim Sheehy ~ Dr. Pat Kennedy ~ Fire Arts Blacksmithing ~ The Compost Chick ~ Catherine Creek Hides ~ John Lamoreau ~ Jana Dick ~ Jim McIver ~ OSU Food Hero ~ Laura Anderson ~ Jennifer McBride ~ Savage Serpents ~ Weston Simonis ~ Ethan Shaw

Thank you to our local businesses for donating gift cards as prizes:

Platz Family Farm ~ Meemaw's Hometown Kitchen ~ Papa Murphy's



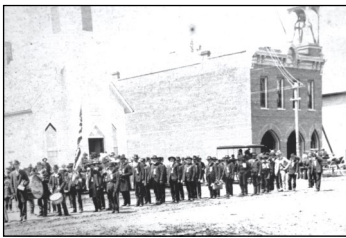
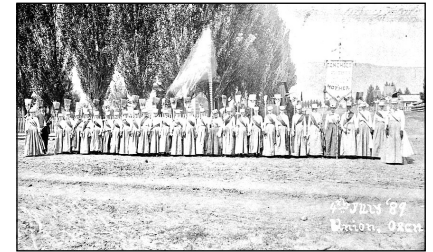
Thank you to the Oregon Humanities for our mini grant funding a series of adult cultural studies and our youth book club. We are still accepting summer reading program sign-ups. This program is free, open to all ages. Contact the library for more info.



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

We are enjoying many local as well as out of town guests. Consistently we hear the comment that we have an amazing array of unique, interesting and truly fantastic historic items. I hope everyone is aware that we have a huge collection of old photographs, glass negatives and tintypes carefully numbered, listed by category and stored in appropriate files. Our accumulation of pictures for fifty plus years includes very early pictures of Union as well as other cities in the county, family portraits, schools and students, farming and implements, railroads, many activities, transportation and other categories.

This month I'd like to share pictures of past 4th of July parades proudly captured in time on the Main Street of Union. The first photo dates from July 4, 1889 and features the local Broom Brigade where 29 ladies dressed in long skirts, military style hats and sashes proudly marched demonstrating infantry drills with brooms instead of muskets. Quite often a dust pan was worn on their back representing a military knapsack. This was a time when exercising or sports participation was primarily for men. A broom brigade provided exercise and drills for women which were similar to the military drills of their spouses in the army. The 1889 Union Eastern Oregon Republican newspaper printed "the brigade occupied a prominent place in the procession and was the recipient of much applause as it sturdily marched along, armed with their weapons of defense." Ladies, I believe we all should start training now for a Broom Brigade entry in the 2025 4th of July parade. After 135 years it's time again to recognize the health and exercise benefits of a broom.



Our next parade picture we believe is from July 4, 1894. It features a band performance in front of Union City Hall and The Little White Church. These are only two examples of our many pictures. If anyone is interested in a specific topic from the past don't hesitate to come to the Museum to find out if we have helpful pictures or information.

Our Third Tuesday event on July 16 will feature Union resident Tami Murphy who uses genealogical searches to find historic information. Local author and historian John Turner asked for Tami's help in solving a cold case. She was quite successful in finding answers to questions arising from an old murder mystery. She also has traced amazing information about a young Japanese girl after finding her unique tombstone in a local cemetery. Don't miss this event at the Little White Church July 16 at 7 p.m.



Snippet of Union's History.....

The severest thunderstorm known in the history of this county, or probably any other county, visited Union last Thursday afternoon. For about one hour a heavy cloud hung over our city, during which time the lightning flashed and played around the streets in a frightful manner and the almost constant peals of thunder were deafening. The sight was anything but pleasing and many people repaired to their cellars and places of safety to avoid being struck by lightning, which it was thought would surely do great damage before the storm passed over. Presently, and without hardly a moment's warning, the heavy cloud seemed to drop down upon us and the rain fell in sheets for a short time. A cloud burst occurred on the hills southeast of town and the water came down in great volumes, forming a river in the roads near the county poor house.

On Catherine creek the storm was also severe and it is thought another cloud burst occurred somewhere in that vicinity. Large boulders were washed in the road and it was made almost impassable for a distance of several miles. Parties who came along immediately after the storm say that hail was washed in the road in some places to the depth of two feet. Considerable damage was also done to the road leading to High valley by washing out bridges. One culvert was washed out on the railroad west of town and the track covered with mud and gravel in several places. It was all cleared however, before train time.

~Oregon Scout July 23, 1891

SPEED SIGNS?

There are streets in Union, as well as all towns and cities, that don't have a speed sign posted. All licensed drivers in Oregon have had to read and study an Oregon drivers manual to test, pass and receive their license. It is stated in the Oregon drivers manual:

Oregon Revised Statute 811.105 and 811.111 states the following statutory speed limits (that would apply to the areas within the City of Union):

- 15mpm in alleys and narrow residential roadways
- 20mpm in business districts and school zones
- 25mph in residential districts, public park areas



This means that if there is a speed sign posted or not, these are the speed limits all must follow. And please remember, just because these are the speed limits, it doesn't mean you have to drive that fast! Watch your surroundings, there could be times it's just common sense to drive slower. Watch for kids, pedestrians, and other activities that may be in the area.
PLEASE DRIVE SAFE!



Notice: From Public Works.....

We have multiple waterline installations, street work and other projects coming up this summer. Please use caution when in approaching such areas. There could be large pieces of machinery, which are loud and often hard to see out and around. City workers could be on the ground digging, retrieving tools and parts from service trucks.

Also, the State will be tree trimming and chip sealing through town in the upcoming weeks. There will be flaggers, be prepared to stop.

Please slow down, be aware of what is happening, and your surroundings and if possible take an alternate route.



Registered to Vote?...

If you are not currently registered to vote here are a few facts to get you started.....

- ◆ You must be a U.S. citizen
- ◆ A resident of Oregon
- ◆ You must be at least 16 years old to register, although, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday
- ◆ You can register online at www.oregonvotes.gov
- ◆ To register online you will need an Oregon drivers license, permit or ID card number issued by the DMV
- ◆ If you do not have a Oregon license, permit or ID card, you can still use the online voter registration, but you will need to print, sign and take the registration card to the county elections officer to complete your registration
- ◆ Instead of registering online you can complete a Voter Registration Form and take it or mail it to your county elections office
- ◆ A voter registration form can be downloaded and printed from the website stated above, or county elections office
- ◆ The deadline for a new registrant is 21 days prior Election Date (this election date is November 5th)



OPEN SEATS AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL ELECTION 2024

MAYOR	2 year TERM
COUNCIL SEAT #1	4 year TERM
COUNCIL SEAT #3	4 year TERM
COUNCIL SEAT #5	4 year TERM

CANDIDATE FILING PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL
FILING DEADLINE TO CITY HALL IS AUGUST 15TH

One of the best things about summer....it's yard sale time!

And everyone wants to put up signs to direct people to your sale!! Did you know that it can be a hazard to electric utility workers when signs are posted on power poles? Workers spikes can get hooked on nails, staples or signs left behind long after your sale is over.

What do you do with your signs? If you do post on power poles, do you forget about them and leave them? Do you take them down?

If you are some of the few that take them down, we want to thank you! If you are one of the many who don't take them down, we'd like to ask that you go around and remove your signs. We also would like to ask that all who post signs on power poles to remove staples, nails or tacks, to prevent unsafe conditions for all utility workers.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Water System Update Project
- ⇒ Reviewing Ordinances
- ⇒ Committees working on the City Charter, Water/Sewer, Zoning, Trails, and Ordinances



~City Council Members ~

Jay Blackburn	Dick Middleton
Tim Cox	John Black
John Farmer	Anita Davis
Mayor Susan Hawkins	

June 2024 Council Meetings

June 10th

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

June 24th

- 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



Did you know you can receive a city newsletter by email? If you would like to receive your newsletter this way just email Laura Dodds at lauradodds@cityofunion.com and request your name be added to the list.

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 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