

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 10:00am - 4:00pm

August 2024



From The Desk Of.....

Celeste Tate

City Administrator

July gave us some record hot triple digit temperatures. I welcome the reprieve back down to the 90's. Thunder at the Peak was well attended and continues to build each year. Thank you to everyone that gave their time and resources for a great community and county event.

The public works department continues to be busy with new water and sewer connections, street repairs, the CDBG well project and the upcoming wastewater treatment facility maintenance and cleaning project. In addition to the normal locates and daily work, the crew has been busy knocking projects off the list. Many thanks to a great crew.

The Planning Commission has been busy this summer brushing up on their knowledge of city Ordinances each month with a work session. Thank you to those on the commission who give of their time each month. Public attendance is always welcome at all planning commission meetings which occur on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. If there are planning applications to review, there will be a work session at 6pm that evening and the commission meeting at 7pm.

The Historic Committee has an opening and is looking for a volunteer. Please contact City Hall for an application if interested. This committee helps guide the city in their efforts to preserve the historic buildings and areas in town. The City of Union is a Certified Local Government with the State Historic Preservation Office and the commission's efforts help ensure this continued designation. This designation also makes the city eligible for grants to further historic preservation efforts. I will be working with this group to plan their goals for the next year.

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. The Main Street Union committee organized a great Blues and Brews event on July 26th with vendors and music in the park. I hope you had the opportunity to attend. The Grassroots festival is also coming up on August 10th with many vendors and booths signed up and hopefully we will have good weather.

My thanks to those who are battling the wildfires in the area and my thoughts and prayers to those who have been directly affected. If you are interested and able to, the Forest Service Office in LaGrande is accepting donations for Fire Fighters on the front lines. Drop off location is 1407 Monroe Ave. LaGrande. It is very dry out there. Please stay safe and play safe while you are recreating this summer.

Celeste Tate

GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024

CITY OF UNION - OPEN SEATS

**There's
Still Time**

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

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN CITY GOVERNMENT? DO YOU WANT TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY? THE CITY HAS 3 OPEN COUNCIL SEATS FOR THIS ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. CANDIDATE FILING PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT CITY HALL OR CAN BE EMAILED TO YOU UPON REQUEST.

FILING PAPERS ARE DUE BACK TO CITY HALL BY DEADLINE DATE OF AUGUST 15TH BY 5:00PM, OR YOU CAN RETURN THEM TO UNION COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY AUGUST 24TH BY 5:00PM.



GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th



- 7am City Wide Yard Sales!! ~Call 541-910-5425 to sign up
- 8am~10am VFW Breakfast @ VFW Hall on N Main St.
- 9am National Anthem @ the Post Office
- 9am~5pm Vendors & Library Book & Bake Sale
- 9am~3pm Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest ~Pick up chalk at Hometown Hardware
- 9am~4pm Awesome Vehicle Show ~Sponsored by Legacy Ford/Legacy Dodge
- 10am~1pm Kiddy Carnival at Park ~Sponsored by Umpqua Bank/Union Churches United
- 11am~3pm Union County Museum Opens
- 12pm Pie Eating Contest in the Park
- 11am~4pm Music in the Park-DJ ~Sponsored by Old West FCU
- 1pm Library Puppet Show in the Park
- 2pm~4pm Pony rides & Painting in the Park ~Sponsored by OHSET
- 2pm Duck Races down Catherine Creek ~Buy your duck from the
Senior Class by the bridge! Cash Prizes!!
- 3:30pm Car Show Trophy and Poker Walk winners ~announced in front of Post Office
- 4pm Crazy Hat winners ~announced at the Gazebo in the park~presented by
Hometown Hardware
- 4pm~6pm Farm to Table Dinner & Live Music in the Park~SUM People-Easy Listening
~sponsored by Pepsi/Admiral Beverage NW
- 5:30pm~7pm Lawn Mower Races ~For the Whole Family!
- 7:30pm~10pm Family Street Dance ~Hulden Inc. DJ Kasey Kunkel



For more information grassroots@eoni.com or call 541-786-1492

It's a whole day of a whole lot of fun!!
Come Join Us!!



FUN FOR ALL IN THE PARK.....

THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN COOLING OFF ON A BENCH IN THE SHADE AT THE CITY PARK ON THESE HOT SUMMER DAYS! OR HAVING A FAMILY BBQ, BIRTHDAY PARTY, WEDDING OR JUST TO GET TOGETHER! OUR CITY PARK DEPARTMENT WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP OUR CITY PARK GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL FOR ALL TO ENJOY. BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE ALL CAN DO TO ENSURE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE CITY PARK....

- * IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AND FILL OUT A PARK USE PERMIT. WE AREN'T ABLE TO 'RESERVE' THE AREA OF THE PARK YOU WISH TO HOLD YOUR EVENT, BUT WE CAN DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM USING YOUR REGISTERED AREA.
- * IF YOU SEE THAT AN AREA IS GOING TO BE USED, OR IS BEING USED FOR AN EVENT, PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND NOT INVADE THEIR PRIVACY AND THEIR AREA.
- * BBQ'S ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN THE DESIGNATED AREA
- * DOG'S ARE WELCOME AT THE PARK....BUT THEY MUST BE ON A LEASE AT ALL TIMES.
- * DOGGY POO MUST BE PICKED UP AND DISPOSED OF PROPERLY! THERE ARE POO BAG STATIONS LOCATED AT THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE PARK, AS WELL AS TRASH BINS FOR DISPOSAL. BE RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL!
- * PARK RESTROOMS ARE BEING LEFT IN HORRIBLE CONDITION LATELY, THESE KINDS OF ACTIONS MAY LEAD TO CLOSURE OF THE RESTROOMS. ONCE AGAIN, BE RESPECTFUL.



THE CITY WANTS EVERYONE TO ENJOY OUR PARK, BUT WE ALL MUST WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

HAPPENING'S IN UNION THIS SUMMER!

Main Street Union and Catherine Creek Community Center Present

**FAMILY ROOTS
BLUES & BREWS
AT UNION CITY PARK**

**Friday, September 27th
@ 5:00 pm**

**Music, local flavor,
and family fun!**

2024 Grande Ronde Farm Crawl
August 10th 10am ~ 3pm
 Get your passport starting August 5th
 207 Depot St
 La Grande OR
 Stamp at each location and finish the day at the Grassroots Festival in the city park for a farm to table dinner!

Union County Chamber of Commerce

GRANDE RONDE RODEO
EOLS GROUNDS UNION OREGON

Pre Rodeo 6:30	*Local Team Roping \$75
Rodeo 7:30	*Barrel Racing Jr. \$50
Admission \$10	Sr. \$75
5 & under FREE	*Mutton Busting
	Ages 6-8 Max 60lbs \$30
For Info: Call Matt Short	*Mini Bull Riding
541-701-8384	Ages 9-14 \$50

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 August 1st!

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



Union Carnegie Public Library



~August Activities~

Summer Reading Program schedule in July

8/1	CUPCAKE WALK (ALL AGES)	PARK	10AM
8/2	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGE)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/5	SOAP CARVING (SCHOOL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/5	*ECO-DYE SILK (ADULT)	LIBRARY	5PM
8/6	WEAVING STATION/LACING CARDS (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/7	SALMON LIFE CYCLE (SCHOOL AGES)	PARK	10AM
8/8	BOOK CHARACTER COSTUME CONTEST (ALL AGES)	PARK	10AM
8/9	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/10	PUPPETEER (ALL AGES)	PARK	1PM
8/12	ANIMALS ON THE MOVE (SCHOOL AGES)	PARK	10AM
8/12	KINTSUGI (ADULT)	LIBRARY	5PM
8/13	BUBBLES (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY/PARK	10AM
8/14	MUSEUM TREASURE TRUNK (SCHOOL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/16	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL AGES)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/20	TUBE ANIMALS (0-5 YEARS)	LIBRARY	10AM
8/23	YOUTH BOOK CLUB (SCHOOL 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:

OSU Food Hero/Robin Maille, Sifu Weston Simonis, Ethan Shaw, Mark Wing, Kasey Bliesner, EOU Go-STEM, and Ann Rodriguez/The Union County Museum.

Thank you to guest readers: Judy Wing and Sandy Sheehy

Thank you to:

The Petite Patisserie, Ronda Emery, and Nancy Dahlstrom for baking cupcakes for our cupcake walk coming up on August 1st!!

Our school year event schedule will resume after the last summer reading program event on August 23rd. We will continue to host Storytime Tuesdays from 10~11am, adult craft nights the 2nd Monday each month from 5-6pm, and after school crafting the first and third Tuesdays from 4-5pm. Youth Book Club will continue Fridays from 10-11am through September.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School Starts later this Month....that means watching for kids walking/biking to and from school. Also be aware of bus stop areas with kids loading and unloading. Drive extra careful in the school zones. ~THANK YOU





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

One of the many interesting features of the Museum is that it can actually provide an insight into life of long ago. One of the outer buildings known as "the carpenters shop" also includes a glimpse of the North Powder Post Office from the early 1900's. In 1899 postal customers had to pick up their mail at the post office since home delivery didn't start until later. The local post office was often the hub of activity not only for mail but for a variety of other necessary services. One could purchase stamps, pick up general delivery mail and use the parcel post service. I read an article about a child being sent via parcel post to visit her grandparents because it was a more economical method of getting the child to the grandparents than a stagecoach ticket. The little girl met the weight and height requirement for the mail service. Rules changed shortly after the child's trip through the mail preventing the mailing of children.

The Museum's post office has a picture of Union's post office in 1888. It was located in the Hall Brothers Store on the corner of Main and Beakman.

If you have ancestors who lived in Union from 1888 to 1912 it might be fun to look through some of the registers to see if any familiar names took advantage of Postal Savings Certificates or Money Orders all issued in Union.

Wanted posters were always placed in post offices and are still posted there to this day. The Museum has two interesting items on display. "Wanted Dead or Alive: Notorious Badman--John Wesley Hardin for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb of Brown County, Texas on May 26, 1874. Though courteous and well dressed he is extremely dangerous and is always armed." A more recent wanted by the FBI is from Sept. 19, 1974. "Patricia Campbell Hurst--self proclaimed member of the Symbionese Liberation Army has been in possession of numerous firearms including automatic weapons."

The actual mailboxes from the Telocaset Post Office are on display as well as a very old manual Royal typewriter, a black rotary dial telephone, a small weighing scale, embossing stamps plus albums containing golden replicas of U.S. postage stamps first day issue with pertinent historical information. There is also a fantastic stamp collection that once belonged to Vance Terral, M.D. who was raised in Union, became a doctor and moved to Portland. He returned to Union for frequent visits and when he passed away was buried in the Union Cemetery.

The Third Tuesday program usually held at the Little White Church will be held in La Grande at 7 p.m. at the Fire Museum which is across from the La Grande Post Office (next to Side A) on August 20. Fire Chief Emmitt Cornford will speak about the museum's history and share stories about some city fires. Antique equipment will be on display as well as some modern equipment. We would like to recognize any firemen or volunteer firefighters and would love to hear any stories they would like to share. Pluggie the talking fire hydrant will also attend so be prepared to have some fun. We hope to see you in La Grande August 20 at 7 p.m.



Snippet of Union's History.....

Sometime last Saturday night, A.J. Goodbrod, who lives in the south-western portion of town, was awakened by a noise in an adjoining room, and getting up he discovered a burglar going through things at a lively rate, occasionally striking a match to facilitate operations.

A.J. watched him until he went to make his exit through a window, and then gathered him by the scruff of the neck, and brought him to a realizing sense of the danger of the profession. He was landed in jail and will probably get free board at Salem for a year or two

~Oregon Scout October 24, 1885

Help Our Hero's

We have teamed up with the Forest Service Office in La Grande to distribute donations received to our Fire Fighters on the front lines.

If you would like to donate items here is what we're needing:

- Individual Jerky packs/sticks
- Individual trail mix (preferably w/out chocolate)
- Granola bars that won't melt
- Liquid IV packets or similar
- Packets of gum
- Chapstick
- Long Socks
- Saline Eye Drops
- Individual Wet Wipes

Drop off Location:

1407 Monroe Ave

La Grande, OR 97850

9am - 5pm

or Call Cat 541-910-1726



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	

August 2024 Council Meetings

August 12th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 26th

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