

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

September 2024



From The Desk Of.....

Celeste Tate

City Administrator

The weather has started to turn as schools re-start and fall sports begin. Though I enjoy the summer activities, I also look forward to the change of season with the Fall.

The Public Works department is working hard on a half a dozen new water and/or sewer service connections along with managing the CDBG well project, the lead-based water lines inventory report and also recently completed the prep work for the chip sealing of 11 blocks by the county. They will also soon be commencing the wastewater treatment facility cleaning. Thank you to Public Works for juggling all the different projects. It has been a busy summer! As summer winds down and school restarts, Public Works says goodbye and thank you to our summer part time workers Nolan and Morgan. Best wishes to you both for a great school year!

City Council has adopted a Master Plan for the city park which is the culmination of almost two years' worth of work from Mainstreet Union with input from Union citizens. This Master Plan will be the basis for grant applications to start bringing the plan to life!

The Historic Committee still 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.

The City of Union Carnegie Library board welcomes Louise Shelden. She is the former city librarian and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her position. Thank you to Louise for volunteering her time.

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 park has been busy this past month with the Grassroots Festival and car show on August 10th. Long time city employee Robin George's Brittany Blue 1968 Ford Mustang was the "Star of the Show" award winner. Congratulations to Robin! Main Street Union also hosted the end of the summer block party on August 24th with food, games, music and wonderful weather. Thank you to everyone who put in many hours into the many great events this summer!

As a reminder, the burn ban is still in effect. No fires of any kind are allowed except regulated agricultural field burning and gas or pellet barbeques. This includes a prohibition on campfires, smoking, chainsaw use, internal combustion engines and generators. This ban is effective county-wide.

I have enjoyed my first summer here as your City Administrator. I hope you are able to enjoy the last few weeks of summer and take in the first glimpses of Fall.

Celeste Tate



Reminder: No Burning

There is NO burning allowed. Although, typically the burn ban is over at the end of September, but the City follows the Union County burn ban, so there is always a possibility of an extension of the burn ban. The City will keep the public informed, by Facebook, school reader board, and make postings at local information boards. If you have any doubts, please call city hall and we can let you know the status of the ban.

Student Liaison...

The City of Union acknowledges the importance of youth participation in local government. The student liaison seat is the perfect way for your student to become involved in the community and local government.

Students must be entering 11th grade and be available to attend monthly City Council Meetings.

The City will grant a \$500.00 scholarship upon completion of a successful one-year term and enrollment into a college.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall, mailed or emailed. Email

lauradodds@cityofunion.com if you would like more information or an application.

FUNDS AVAILABLE


UNION'S DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM HAS FUNDS FOR MAIN STREET BUSINESSES TO BORROW AT NO INTEREST. THIS LOAN'S MISSION IS TO HELP UNION BUSINESS OWNERS MAINTAIN AND RESTORE THEIR BUILDINGS TO AN ACCEPTED HISTORIC APPEARANCE. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, AS DETERMINED BY THE LOAN COMMITTEE.

LENGTH OF LOANS ARE TYPICALLY 12 TO 36 MONTHS, WITH NO INTEREST. A 50% MATCH OF VALUE OF PROJECT IS REQUIRED.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MUST BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM RECEIVING FUNDS. IF NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE TIME FRAME, APPLICANT MUST COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME. IF PROPOSED PROJECT IS CHANGED IN ANY WAY, APPLICANT MUST PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE.

TO APPLY FOR UNION'S DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN A COMPLETED APPLICATION, ALONG WITH A \$100.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE) APPLICATION FEE, A BUDGET SHOWING EXPENDITURE FOR PROJECT, DESIGN PLANS (DRAWINGS OR PHOTOS ARE HELPFUL) ARE REQUIRED FOR COMMITTEE'S REVIEW.

CONTACT CITY HALL IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.



ATTITUDE IS A CHOICE.
HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE.
OPTIMISM IS A CHOICE.
KINDNESS IS A CHOICE.
GIVING IS A CHOICE.

WHAT CHOICE'S YOU MAKE, MAKE YOU.
CHOOSE WISELY.

~ROY T. BENNETT

Preparation is Key...

As Fall fast approaches the next few month's, with continued warmer weather, are the best time to prepare for those cold winter months that we know will be upon us before we know it.

Check doors/windows for air leaks and repair if needed. Have furnaces professionally checked and change out filters. Have a fireplace/woodstove? Have the chimney professionally cleaned and checked prior to burning. Check plumbing under the house and heat wrap/insulate pipes if possible.

Put your mind at ease, take care of these few important things now and go into winter knowing you are prepared.

Union Carnegie Public Library

~September Activities~



STORYTIME EVERY TUESDAY 10AM ~ 11AM

WE WILL READ TOGETHER FOR HALF AN HOUR AND THEN DO A CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

- 9/3 LEAF RUBBINGS
- 9/10 AMATE BARK ART
- 9/17 PACKING TAPE POSTCARDS
- 9/24 BLACK CAT ART



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS: FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH ~ SEPT 3RD & 17TH 4PM ~ 5PM

LAST YOUTH BOOK CLUB: FRIDAY SEPT 6TH 10AM ~ 11AM. THE LIBRARIAN WILL READ 'MEET ADDY' AND THE GROUP WILL MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS. THANK YOU TO THE OREGON HUMANITIES GRANT FOR PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THIS EVENT.

ADULT EVENTS, MONDAY 5PM ~ 6PM

- 9/9 SHARE & TELL. BRING SOMETHING WITH PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE, SOMETHING YOU'VE MADE, AND/OR SOMETHING WITH A STORY TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. THANKS TO THE OREGON HUMANITIES GRANT.
- 9/16 FLOWER ARRANGING. THANK YOU TO MERIAH WILLIAMS FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT AND FOR PROVIDING FLOWERS FROM HER OWN GARDEN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FUNDRAISERS!

THE FRIENDS PULLED OFF A WONDERFUL YARD SALE, BAKE SALE AND BOOK SALE THIS YEAR! THEY ARE ACCEPTING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024~2025 YEAR.

THANK YOU TO THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL WOODSHOP CLASS!! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH MR. TOWNSEND'S CLASS TO REPLACE DAMAGED SHELVING UNITS THIS SCHOOL YEAR, THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE LIBRARIES OF UNION COUNTY GRANT. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE THIS CLASS'S HIGH QUALITY WORK.



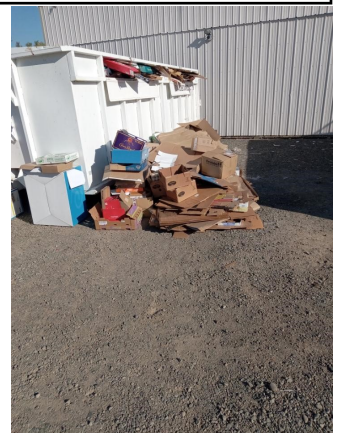
NOT A DUMP!!

These actions are totally unacceptable! Besides using tax payers money to pay for workers to pickup cardboard, as well as other items that are not recyclable!, the wind blows loose cardboard all over making a huge mess! If you go out to recycle and you see the bin, whether the cardboard or one of the other recycle bin is full, be courteous and check back at a later date. **DON'T JUST DUMP IT ON THE GROUND!**

Each morning our treatment plant operator comes to work she notices when the bins are full and calls that morning for a new bin. It is out of our control as to when an empty bin is delivered. We know how important it is to recycle and try to make sure our residents can do so.

In addition to cardboard being dumped on the ground, there has been a large number of non-recycle items being dumped. The recycle center is not a dump, it is strictly for recycle! It is not the place for old baby car seats, old bicycles, or furniture. It is for cardboard, glass items and plastics and that is all.

There are security cameras on site at the transfer station, and the city has the ability to identify those who use this as a dump or leave boxes laying on the ground. If you are identified, there is a very good chance of a citation of up to \$500





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

This month we would like to focus on a true community project which, to everyone's good fortune, is on display at the museum and often local parades and car shows. The 1939 Chevrolet fire truck has had an epic journey. It was the only fire truck the city of Union owned until it was replaced by a 1979 cab over Ford. With a new truck the city decided to convert the 1939 truck into a street washer. To accomplish this the water tank was removed and replaced by a round tank. Then the tail board, running boards and fenders were removed. Eventually Union decided to sell the exfire/street cleaner. Lloyd Bronson purchased this truck and used the round water tank to water his cows. The remainder of the vehicle was relegated to storage in the Bronson warehouse. Many Union residents, wanting souvenirs from the truck, were allowed to remove parts and pieces which were meaningful to them.

Later, Kenny and Wythel Bronson Aldrich decided to restore and rebuild the truck. It became a labor of nostalgia for Kenny and his brother Glen Aldrich. They had fond memories of the 1939 Chevy because they both had spent 30 years as volunteer fire men in Union. The two year project began and community members came forth with parts. Don George had the original water tank in his scrap pile and donated it to the project. Larry Burford donated the original 6 volt siren and Gertrude Titus donated the original fire nozzle. Assembly began. Tires and brake lines were replaced and David Dodds did the lovely red paint job.

The fire truck became a community legacy and was donated to the museum by Kenny and Wythel in 2011 with the understanding that it would be an entry in parades. The museum recently sponsored a Third Tuesday event at the Eastern Oregon Fire Museum and the initial plan was to drive the truck to La Grande. Brian Dick volunteered to fix lights which were not working. In doing so he expressed concern that a trip longer than a parade route would definitely be a serious strain on the motor. A special thank you from the museum and a tired 1939 motor goes to Fred Hawkins for donating his time and use of his trailer so the 1939 could be on display at this special event in La Grande. Also many thanks past and present to a true community effort in providing a historic treasure for future generations to enjoy.

Mark your calendars for the museum yard sale Sept. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be many new, used and vintage items for sale. It's always fun to see what treasure might be waiting to be discovered and the proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Little White Church.



Snippet of Union's History.....

LAST SUNDAY THE SUMMERVILLE BASEBALL CLUB CAME UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF "DOING UP" THE "HOOT OWLS" OF THIS CITY. SUMMERVILLE HAS A GOOD TEAM AND THEY HAVE NOT LOST A GAME THIS SEASON, BUT THEY HAD NOT CROSSED BATS WITH THE "HOOT OWLS" AND CONSEQUENTLY HAD NOT HAD MANY HARD GAMES.

THE AFTERNOON WAS QUITE STORMY, AND THE GAME WAS CALLED AT 3 O'CLOCK. THREE OF UNION'S BEST PLAYERS - DRIVER, MARTIN AND STEWART - WERE ABSENT, AND FROM THE MANNER IN WHICH OUR BOYS STRUCK OUT UP TO THE SIXTH INNING IT BEGAN TO LOOK AS THOUGH THEY WERE NOT "IN IT." BUT IN THE SIXTH INNING THEY BEGAN TO FIND THE BALL AND MADE THREE RUNS, AND IN THE SEVENTH FOUR, MAKING THE GAME A TIE, 7 TO 7. IN THE EIGHTH NEITHER SIDE MADE A SCORE. IN THE NINTH SUMMERVILLE AGAIN FAILED TO SCORE, WHEN OUR BOYS WENT TO THE BAT AND MADE THE WINNING SCORE WITH NO ONE OUT, THE SCORE BEING 8 TO 7 IN FAVOR OF THE "HOOT OWLS."

THE BOYS WILL GIVE A SOCIAL DANCE NEXT FRIDAY EVENING IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY TO DEFEAT THE EXPENSES OF KEEPING UP THE ORGANIZATION, AND WE HOPE OUR CITIZENS APPRECIATE THEIR EFFORTS AND WILL HELP THE BOYS OUT.

~Oregon Scout September, 1891

School Zone Safety...

- ◆ The worst distraction is a cell phone, avoid using your cell phone at all times you're in a car, but especially while in a school zone
- ◆ Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children. It's the law that drivers must stop for a bus with flashing amber or red lights. Give space around buses as children often must cross the road to and from a bus stop. And children often bolt fast and without looking as they are excited to see friends or to be home.
- ◆ While driving in or near a school zone, never pass other vehicles, change lanes, make U-turns.
- ◆ Watch especially close for children near playgrounds, sidewalks, parking lots as they may run into the street fast and without looking.
- ◆ Unless licensed to do so, never use a handicap or emergency lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children around school zones.



Please stay vigilant and aware to keep our community's children safe!!

Clear Visibility can be hindered by overgrown trees and shrubs which endangers us all when they block our view of traffic signs, pedestrians, or other vehicles. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep trees and other plants from blocking visibility.

All intersections must have clear visibility, even when there is no signs present. If there is a stop sign present at an intersection trees and shrubs shall not hinder the view of the sign, they must be trimmed and cut back. Clear vision requirements must be followed when vegetation is located on a corner as same as if it is a fence.

The City's code enforcement officer will be observing intersections and notifying owners if they need to trim any vegetation.



CATHERINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5TH 11:00AM ~ 4:00PM AUTUMN BAZAAR!!

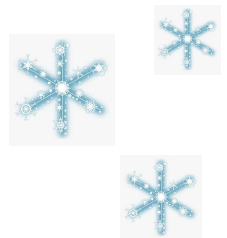
NOVEMBER 2ND 11:00AM ~ 4:00PM HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!

DECEMBER 7TH 11:00AM ~ 4:00PM WINTER WONDERLAND BAZAAR!!
WINTER WONDERLAND PARADE TO FOLLOW ON MAIN STREET

ARTISTS ~ CRAFTS ~ CONCESSIONS ~ GIFTS ~ GOODS
MUSIC ~ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

667 N. MAIN STREET, UNION OREGON
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VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE!



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	

September 2024 Council Meetings

September 9th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

September 23rd

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	Nov 21, Feb 27 & May 22nd	Library	9:00am	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