

# 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

November 2024



*From The Desk Of.....*

**Celeste Tate**

*City Administrator*

Fall is upon us and as Veteran's Day approaches on November 11<sup>th</sup>, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the veterans in our community and area for their dedicated service to our country. This is a special time to come together and honor the sacrifices made by those who have served, thank you!

As the temperatures continue to drop, city employees are prepping for winter, and at the same time finishing up some projects. The well projects that were grant funded are nearing the end with just a few remaining items to be completed. This project included a new pump house, communication system and backup power supply in the event of a power outage. Completion of this project is a great asset to the city and will ensure continuity of water in the event of an emergency.

As mentioned last month, the Planning Commission will have an open seat starting December as Robert Burton will be stepping down. We thank Mr. Burton for his many years of service. This commission is vital to the smooth running of the city by reviewing and making decisions on all; conditional use permits; variances; partitions and subdivisions and makes recommendations to the city council on; zone changes; comprehensive plans; and ordinances related to planning and development. If you are interested in serving the city in this capacity, please come to city hall and pick up an application.

The fire burn ban was lifted for the City of Union as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. However, please burn responsibly. As we saw just a couple of weeks ago outside of Summerville and Elgin, fires can spread quickly. Please watch the wind and monitor your fires at all times and don't forget to pick up your burn permits at City Hall.

With the start of November, comes the beginning of the fall and winter holiday seasons. The annual Christmas light parade will be happening as always on the first Saturday in December which will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to take in the festivities and enjoy the start to the Christmas season.

Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Make sure to vote! Mailed Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. There is also a ballot drop off box located at City Hall. Make sure to vote! There are three councilor seats up for election as well as the mayor.

With the change of season also comes the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday at 2AM! Don't forget to move your clocks back an hour this weekend.

November is a wonderful time to express our appreciation and gratitude for those around us. This season, I am especially thankful for my family and friends, and I am deeply honored to serve as City Administrator of this wonderful community.

*Celeste Tate*





# Union Carnegie Public Library



## ~November Activities~

### STORYTIME EVERY TUESDAY 10AM ~ 11AM

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

- 11/5 LEDGER ART
- 11/12 LEGO BUILD
- 11/19 MIGRATION PORTRAITS
- 11/26 MUSHROOM COLLAGE

### AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS: FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH ~ NOV 5TH & 19TH 4PM ~ 5PM

### ADULT EVENTS, SELECTED MONDAYS 5PM ~ 6PM

- 11/4 INTRO TO MACRAME ~ REGISTRATION IS CLOSED
- 11/18 VITAMIN C SERUM



**RAPTOR CONSERVATION: NOVEMBER 22ND WITH WILLIAM HALSTEAD, DOWNSTAIRS IN THE EATON ROOM OF THE LIBRARY 10:00AM ~ 11:30AM. THIS IS A TWO PART SERIES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY FALCONRY ON DECEMBER 20TH IN THE CITY PARK AT 10:00AM. OPEN TO ALL AGES!**

**THANK YOU TO MYRON SVATY, JACE SVATY, KAREN KIRKLAND, AND ALL OF OUR PATRONS FOR THE PUMPKIN DONATIONS! THANKS TO YOU WE WERE ABLE TO HOST OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT FREE TO THE COMMUNITY ON OCTOBER 25. WE HAD OVER 100 PUMPKINS DONATED!**



Seems like every year we urge citizens multiple times to prepare for winter and freezing weather. We do this to hopefully save citizens from frozen pipes and costly plumbing bills. In fact, burst pipes are one of the most common causes of property damage during frigid weather and can cause thousands in water damage—easily \$5,000 or more, according to the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

The pipes most at risk are those in unheated interior spaces such as basements, attics, and garages. But even pipes running through cabinets or exterior walls can freeze. The good news is there are some simple things you can do to keep your water running and your house dry.

For a weekend’s worth of time, you can reduce the headache of time-consuming clean up and costly water damage repairs and avoid the worry and the cost. Wrap exposed pipes with insulation or heat wrap, using insulation or spray insulation seal up cracks and spaces around windows, doors and crawl spaces to keep heat in and cold out.

If you plan to be away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F. Leave kitchen cabinets open and other places that pipes are potentially at risk.

**Be Prepared Now, It Could Save You Those Costly Repairs!**



## In Flanders Fields

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae ~

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## Why a Red Poppy?...

Written on May 3, 1915, "In Flanders Fields" is widely recognized as one of the most famous poems about World War I, and its reference to poppies growing over the graves of the fallen soldiers contributed to the widespread use of the red poppy as a remembrance symbol.

Poppies are distributed on Memorial Day, to honor veterans who have passed, and on Veterans Day to honor those who are still with us.

What else can we do to honor a veteran?

A simple, sincere "Thank You" and a smile is a great way to show your appreciation for a veteran's service.

Buy a veteran a meal, or deliver groceries to a veteran.

Visit a VA hospital, this will make them feel special and remembered.

Teach your children what the true meaning of freedom and sacrifice and why we celebrate veterans day and why we thank them for their service.



## Thanksgiving at LJ Brewski's

Come Join Us

November 28, 2024

Noon—5pm

All You Can Eat Buffet:

Salad Bar  
Turkey & Ham  
Stuffing & Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Cranberry Sauce  
Dinner Rolls  
Pumpkin Pie

\$20 per adult  
\$10 per child

*Reservations  
Appreciated  
541-562-6286*



## Catherine Creek Community Center

Join Us!....

Holiday Bazaar

November 2nd

11am ~ 4pm



Don't Miss This!....

Winter Wonderland Bazaar

December 7th

11am ~ 4pm

Winter Wonderland Parade on Main  
Street to follow!

*Winter  
Wonderland*



667 Main Street, Union OR  
CCCenter667@gmail.com



## What's Happening at the Museum....

November gives us a special time to pause, remember and reflect on our veterans from many wars. Perhaps one of the oldest pictures in the museum is from the Civil War era and features two individuals from the Army of the Potomac. Nothing more is known about Thomas Prothers and the young Civil War drummer boy but the picture is certainly interesting because of their uniforms and the large drum.

A wooden circular framed picture of Corporal Bonnie Van der Mullen hangs on the north museum wall. This gentleman named Bonnie was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWI.

There are several mannequins dressed in military uniforms. One mannequin displays a WWI uniform which belonged to lifelong Union resident August Zaugg. This uniform was worn while he was in France assigned to the 834th Aero-Squadron. Examination of the uniform revealed that army uniforms had an eagle embossed on the buttons. I actually dug up a button in my garden that had an aircraft embossed on it and discovered that it was a WWI button.

In addition to August's uniform we also have on display a military shirt and a hand knit scarf and hood that was worn during his military service. Hand knitters might be especially interested in the skill demonstrated in these handmade items.

Another uniform on display is one which belonged to another Union resident Carmen Gambill. She served in the U.S. Army Airforce in WWI. Her military cap is included.

There are also uniforms from the Viet Nam era. One such uniform was recently acquired and hopefully will be on display when the museum reopens in May.

In addition to uniforms there are many interesting and unique paper items which include a War Department Technical Manual and a Driver's Manual from 1944 and war rationing books containing the actual unused ration stamps. I was surprised at the very small size of the stamps which were absolutely necessary for the purchase of items.

We have some pictures and information about the U.S. Navy battleship *The Oregon*. The Oregon had a long and diverse journey beginning July 15, 1896 when it was commissioned into service. Apparently it was decommissioned from April 1906 until October 1919. It was then loaned to the state of Oregon on June 25, 1925 to be used as a museum. It was returned to the Navy for use in WWII and sadly was sold for scrap metal on November 15, 1956.

We fondly and respectfully remember and honor all veterans and truly give thanks for their service.

Happy Thanksgiving and more next month.



## Snippet of Union's History.....

*An alarm of fire was given Tuesday evening about five o'clock. The Hook & Ladder Company and the Hose Company quickly responded. The fire was soon located in the southern part of town, and proved to be a small house occupied by two or three of the lewd women of the town. The fire had started in the roof where the stovepipe projects and had not gained much headway before the boys had a stream playing on the flames and it was soon extinguished without much damage.*

~Oregon Scout September, 1891

## Fall is the time to rejuvenate body, mind and spirit.....

Fall is a great time to turn over a new leaf and spice up your fitness routine. While it might be tempting to curl up on the couch with a cozy blanket and a warm drink, it's crucial to keep moving during these cooler months. Fall is a great time to take your exercise outside. Go for a walk, jog, run or hike! Grab a friend, bring the whole family or make it a solo event. Lace up your shoes and step out your door and go find a new trail to explore. You may need to add another layer of clothing, but get out, enjoy the cool air, the leaves crunching under your feet and the fall colors.

A person can burn around 270 calories for raking a yard for 60 minutes. Set little goals (for example, tackle the right side of the front yard first) and watch the time pass quickly all while burning fat.

Not all fitness efforts have to be full-on, structured workouts. Home gardening tasks like raking leaves or planting tulip bulbs for spring can help your body move in different ways. Researchers explain that adding even a few seconds of these activities into daily life can have significant health benefits (like improving cardiovascular function, regulating blood sugar more effectively, and lowering risk of type 2 diabetes).

As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, you might prefer staying home for your workouts. That's okay – just make your home workout-friendly. Invest in some basic workout gear like dumbbells or resistance bands and set up a small workout space in your home. Search for at home exercise online, something as simple as a chair routine or yoga.

Any type of exercise, no matter how small, is beneficial to your physical wellness of course, not to mention your mental wellness.



*The Planning Commission has a seat opening up in January 2025. The planning commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. This commission is vital to the smooth running of the city by reviewing, making decisions and recommendations based on the City Comprehensive Plan and requirements in the City's zoning codes. The planning commission is the approval authority for conditional use permits, variances, partitions, subdivisions, and on occasion it is responsible for reviewing site plans. The commission also makes recommendations to the city council on zoning changes, comprehensive plans and ordinances related to planning and development. If you are interested, this is a great way to become more involved in the community and local government. Applications can be picked up at city hall, or found on the city's website. Or call 541~562~5197 and request an application be emailed to you.*

*The Historic Committee also has an open seat and looking for a volunteer. This valuable committee helps guide the city in their efforts to preserve the historic buildings and historic areas in the city. 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. Please contact City Hall for a volunteer application if you are interested.*

### Please Remember....

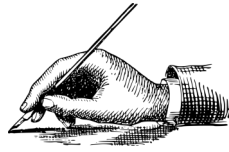
- \* All accounts are due by the 10th of the month.
- \* All accounts that are unpaid after the 15th of the month is past due and subject to a \$15.00 late fee.
- \* All accounts that are unpaid by the last business day of the month is subject to a delinquent door notice including a \$20.00 fee.
- \* All accounts that are still unpaid by the date of shut off, noted on the delinquent door notice, services will be shut off, a \$35.00 fee assessed, and the account will need to be paid in full to restore services.



## 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  
    Anita Davis  
 Mayor Susan Hawkins

## November 2024 Council Meetings

November 12th

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

November 25th

- 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](http://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](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon of month	City Hall	6.00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Catherine Creek CommCtr	10-11:00am	541-562-2038
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	5:30 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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