

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 10am-4pm

March 2022



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

February had some excitement for the public works crew. If you had not heard, an electrical fire broke out at the City's wastewater treatment plant. Thankfully we were able to keep services churning thanks to some quick work by our public works team controlling the fire and their knowledge of running the plant. We turned the damage over to our insurance carrier and are in process of remediating the damage. Early estimates coming in show the damage to be between \$15,000 – \$20,000 of damage.

Public works continued cleanup of our properties throughout the month and servicing our fleet. With the approval from Council in February, the City will be selling off a few vehicles this coming spring. Please keep an eye out as we will have 3 vehicles to bid on when the time comes.

The City Council had its first reading of Ordinance 565 in February for implementing a transient lodging tax. City Council has set the rate to be 5% and continued public comment will be heard on Ordinance 565 at the March Council meeting. If passed the ordinance will begin on July 1, 2022. For more details or a copy of the ordinance, please contact city Hall.

Budget meeting dates are being set for April 25-27 on the FY 22-23 budget. All budget meetings are open to the public and comments will be taken from the public on April 27, 2022. If you want to know what it takes monetarily to run the City this is a good chance to learn, listen and ask questions. Stay tuned for the times of the meetings, but generally they take place in the evening.

Council continues taking comment on the Buffalo Flats Project. This is not a city project but is being facilitated through the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District. Council needs to hear your voice on the matter so they can bring a strong representation from Union citizens. If you are unsure of the what the Buffalo Flats project is, please see the Union County Soil and Water Conservation website at <http://unionswcd.org/> and click the Buffalo Flats tab. This project does have some potential to affect the City flood plain among other weed and pest issues. So please get informed and get with a Councilor so they can hear your views of the project. Council will be scheduling a public hearing soon for this event.

Stay warm and safe.

*Union Carnegie Public Library
is hosting The Big Read*

This is a nationwide program

*Stop by to check out The House on Mango Street
and companion books*



Pot Holes Have You Driving In Crazy Ways.....??

As weather permits, the city public works staff will begin working on pot holes. The product the city uses to fill pot holes is most effective applied in correct weather conditions and temperatures. Please remember, the city doesn't have the equipment to do asphalt repair, therefore those repairs are subcontracted and work is done as the subcontractor is available.

Pot holes can be reported by calling the office at city hall where we are compiling a list.

Please be patient as the Public Works Department as they will be working hard to repair roads as the weather begins to improve and cooperates and working between waterline projects and major street projects.



You Can Make A Difference.....

The City is looking for local citizens who share a passion for Union, want to make a difference, and have the same values that make Union a great place to live. The following positions are open for election this fall:

- Mayor – 2 year position
- Council Position 2 – 4 year position
- Council Position 4 – 4 year position
- Council Position 6 – 4 year position

This is an exciting opportunity to give back to your community and learn more about local government. Filing applications will be accepted beginning June 1st. The final day for filing will be August 19th @ 5:00pm.

Filing papers and instructions can be picked up at City Hall.

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours:

- Monday 10:00am ~ 6:00pm
- Tues ~ Thursday 10:00am ~ 5:00pm
- Friday 10:00am ~ 4:00pm
- Storytime Tuesday 10:00am ~ 11:00am

Adult Craft Night:

- 2nd Mondays of the month at 5:00pm
- (all supplies provided)

March 14th, we will be making origami cranes for an art installation at the library.

Test Your Cross Connection!! It's The Law.....

Now is the time to begin thinking about testing your cross connections.

The following are Cross Connection example that need yearly inspection.....

- ◆ Wash basins and service sinks
- ◆ Hose bibs
- ◆ Irrigation or lawn sprinkler systems
- ◆ Swimming pools and spas
- ◆ Solar heat systems
- ◆ Fire sprinkler systems
- ◆ Auxiliary water supplies (wells)
- ◆ Photo developing equipment
- ◆ Laboratory equipment
- ◆ Attachment to hoses to apply weed killer or fertilizer or to flush anti-freeze
- ◆ Food and beverage processing equipment
- ◆ Boilers
- ◆ Chemical feed equipment
- ◆ Ornamental fountains



The City's drinking water system can become unsafe whenever backflow occurs, and the plumbing system comes in contact with harmful or objectionable substances.

The Oregon Department of Human Services **requires** that all backflow assemblies be tested once each year by a certified tester. If you have one of the above cross-connections please send your test results to the City of Union Water Department. If it is determined that you have not completed the test or failed to come into compliance, the property water will be shut off.

The City of Union works hard to supply customers with safe clean drinking water. With an understanding of the hazards associated with cross-connection and backflow testing you can help us protect our drinking water.



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Union Sanitation Notice

Due to significant increases for landfill disposal fees and material recovery facility fees and the costs of operations there will be an increase in your sanitation services beginning in March.

New rates are as follows:

- 42 Gallon roll cart per week.....\$23.66/month
- 68 Gallon roll cart per week.....\$28.20/month
- 96 Gallon roll cart per week.....\$32.74/month

Ordinance Education Corner....

Ordinance 99 pertaining to the accumulation and stockpiling of waste within the city limits.

The accumulation and storage of waste is hereby found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight, deterioration and unsightliness, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to create a harborage for rodents and insects, and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city. Therefore, the presence of waste on private property in violation of this ordinance is declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be fined and/or abated in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

Waste is defined as materials that can decompose, giving rise to foul smelling products, or creating health hazard or which is capable of attracting or providing food for potential disease carriers such as birds, rodents, flies or other vectors.

For the full ordinance you can find it on our website www.cityofunion.com or call city hall at 541-562-5197

City Newsletter.....

Would you like to receive the City's newsletter by email? Call us here at city hall, 541-562-5197 or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com to request to receive your copy by email.



March Council Meetings

March 14th

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

March 21st

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall.

Masks are required when attending meetings.

Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website

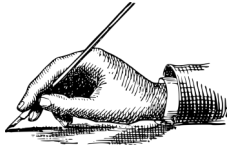
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COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ EMS / Rural Merge
- ⇒ Transient Lodging Tax
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen
- ⇒ Buffalo Flats Project



City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins	Leslie McMillan
Tim Cox	Terra Richter
John Farmer	Heidi Denton
Mayor Leonard Flint	

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	
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	541-910-6002
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	7:00 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	
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	EOLS Clubhouse	6:30pm	541-975-9495
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar