

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 - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

August 2021



What a hectic month for the City of Union. We welcome new employee Brandon George to the Public Works Department. Brandon has been busy this month training with Paul, Robin and Heather on daily routines and maintenance projects. We also welcome new employee Krista Griffiths, a familiar face to many of you, she has joined our front office. She will be taking payments, helping with council meeting preparations, as well as training in all the different jobs done in the front office.

The wastewater treatment plant had one of the large influent wet well pumps implode upon itself this past month. Luckily, we found a new pump and the turn around to getting it up and back and running was about a week. The gold pond pumps have been curbing odor at the golf course as designed. Golf Pro Dana Londin has been pleased with this as compared to the odors had last year.

At the Ranger Station, hopefully you all have noticed the siding work has begun, and crews have been busy inside insulating and drywalling. It is nice to see this project to begin to come together. We will begin looking at a watering system for the Ranger Station. With the dry year like we had this year, manually keeping up has proven difficult.

We took delivery on the new park lights and installation should begin by the end of August. I have got to see the lights and am impressed by their look and believe this will be added value to the park. We have also began installing cameras in the front part of the park with the back half to come next year. This will hopefully curb some of the vandalism that has taken place.

Unfortunately, we did not get notice out soon enough for new water and sewer rates, so we are pushed back a month in the process. The two-public hearing for the water and sewer rates will be August 9, 2021, and September 13, 2021. If passed on those two dates the rates will become effective October 1st, 2021. As soon as the ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney it will be posted on our web page and Facebook account, or you may stop by City Hall should you wish for a copy.

Grass roots is August 14, 2021 and I hear the sidewalk project, barring weather, will be completed and cleaned up by August 13, 2021. Come down and join us for a good time.

Again, I thank you for the patience with the cone zones this summer.



BURN BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST

The City of Union has an immediate job opening for an Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

The requirements for this position includes good communication skills, computer knowledge and skills, ability to learn and enforce city ordinances. This position is 16 hours a week, Monday ~ Thursday, 10:00am ~ 2:00pm. This position requires one Wednesday evening once quarterly to represent the city at our municipal court held here at city hall.

Pay for this position starts at \$14.00 per hour.

Applications are available at city hall, or by emailing lauradodds@cityofunion.com

This position will remain open until filled.

If you have any questions regarding this position please feel free

to call city hall at 541-562-5197 or by emailing lauradodds@cityofunion.com



Union Grassroots Festival & Car Show 2021

Saturday, August 14th

7 am City Wide Yard Sales Call 541-910-3425 to sign up

7-10 VFW Breakfast 518 N Main Street

8am Color Fun Run starts at Athletic Complex

9-4 Vendors & Library Book & Bake Sale

9-3 Chalk Art Contest Sign up @ Falk's Mini Mart

9-4 Car Show/Poker Walk Legacy Ford/Legacy Dodge

10-2 Kiddy Carnival at Park Union Churches Unite!

11-5 Live Music in the Park

PEPSI of NE Oregon

Old West Federal Credit Union

Terry Lamont-Country

Steve Campbell-Country

Wasteland Kings-Americana

1:30 Pie-Eating Contest in the Park

2 Duck Races down Catherine Creek

Buy your Duck from the Senior Class!!

3 Chalk Art prizes awarded on stage at Park

3:30 Car Show Trophy and Poker Walk winners

Announced in front of the Post Office

5:30 Lawn Mower Races

7:30-10 Family Street Dance/KC Papa Murphy Pizza

Thank you to Sponsors Elkhorn Media, Oregon Trail Electric, City of Union, Union Sanitation, Union Collision and Union County Chamber of Commerce!!



Used Books & Freshly Baked Delights

**Friends of The Library's
Annual Book & Bake Sale**

August 14th

9:00am ~ 5:00pm

Don't
miss
it!

The Union Food Pantry Is Moving!

The Union Food Pantry, operated by the Union Baptist Church is moving to the
Catherine Creek Community Center

Located at 667 N. Main Street in Union, (please use the side door)

Food Pantry services at the new location will be held every 3rd Friday each month. Union Baptist Church volunteers will be present to help guide volunteers at the new location.



We want to Thank You for your patience during this transition.

For more information for the Food Pantry call 541-562-2038

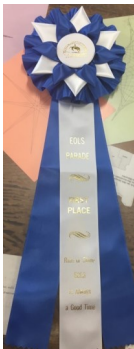
Library News.....

The Union Carnegie Public Library would like to thank the Local 737 Union and the La Grande Community Library Foundation for grants received this year through our Friends of the Library, for our summer reading program “Reading Colors Your World”. It is not too late to join us at our summer reading on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am, through August 12th.

We would also like to thank our wonderful patron Tessie Murray for being so generous and donating over 250 DVD’s to our collection.

The Friends of the Library will be doing their annual book and bake sale during the Grassroots Festival this year. Sign-ups for the bake sale will be at the Library. We could also use volunteers to help set up for the book sale, you can call the Library for more information 541-562-5811

The Union Carnegie Library also won First Prize at the EOLS parade this year!



Scout Troop 511 Yard Sale!

When: August 14th, during
the Grassroots Festival

Where: Located at the old Bronson Lumber
building 219 E Beakman

Come check us out, find some treasures and
support Troop 511

Thank you for all of your support!

Call Before You Dig!

Do you have a project that requires disturbing the ground? You are going to have to call 811 before you begin to locate utilities that may be buried underground. 811 is a national hotline you must call to inform your local utilities of your intentions. Making this free phone call protects you and your neighbors, and eliminates the risk of paying fines, costly repairs, or civil penalties.

So before you dig....

Call 811 or go online to digsafelyoregon.com

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics
Include:

- ⇒ CDBG Grant
- ⇒ New state legislations pertaining to planning laws and homeless.
- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study



City Council Members ~

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

August Council Meetings

August 9th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 23rd

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 www.cityofunion.com

Like us on Facebook!



Espresso
Coffee, Tea,
Smoothies

Breakfast Burrito's
Pastries
Winger Wednesdays!

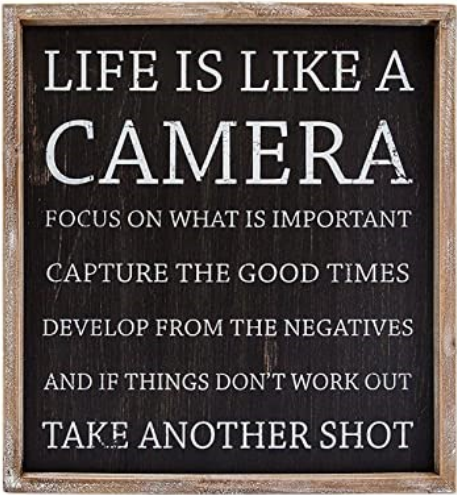
RATTLE TALE

Coffee & Such

332 S Main St
Union, OR 97883

Present this coupon to
receive \$1.00 off any
purchase.

Limit one coupon per
purchase.



Student Liaison Seat.....

The City acknowledges the importance of youth participation in local government. The student liaison seat is the perfect way for your student to become involved in his/her community and local government. And it will look great on that college application too!!

Student must be 11th or 12th grade and be available to attend monthly City Council meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

The City of Union will grant a \$500 scholarship upon completion of a successful one year term and enrollment of college.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or by emailing

Exciting
Opportunity

City Hall Hours

Monday ~ Thursday

10:00am ~ 5:00pm

Closed Friday's ~
or by appointment

For questions regarding your
utility bill call us at 541-562-5197

Have a Safe & Happy Summer!!

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	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
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 Lunch	Every Tuesday	VFW Hall	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
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