

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 ~ Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

December 2021



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

Winter is here. I pen this article as it is raining out with some sleet and the interstate and tollgate remain closed due to accidents and inclement weather.

Update to the Ranger Station, interior has been painted, electricity has been trimmed out, interior trim is beginning to be worked on, flooring has been ordered, once those items are completed, we will begin the kitchen work. The exterior has been a bit disappointing as the contractor is moving very slow. Hopefully we can catch a break in the weather and get it completed.

All the plow trucks at public works have been prepared for winter with the plows installed and the sander is ready for our first ice/snowstorm.

It has been a happy/sad time for us this past month at the library. Louise officially retired on November 30, 2021. After 18 years of dedicated service to the City we wish her the best of luck as she deserves such in her next phase of life.

The City was notified a couple weeks ago that we did receive the \$2.25 million dollar grant for the water project we have been speaking about. This is great news and bring a bustle of work to the City next summer as we work at completing this project that has been 3 years in the making.

Additionally, the City was notified it received a \$100,000 dollar grant from ODOT from the small city allotment program. This will help us in working this next summer at completing the Chestnut Street resurface and rebuild project. This street has needed this for quite some time.

If you have not heard the City Council has begun studying the addition of a Transient Lodging Tax. As we move forward, we look forward to input from community members and stakeholders alike. Per Oregon Revised Statutes and rules, with the taxes collected, 70% must go toward promoting tourism and tourism facilities. 30% of the funds collected can enter the general fund of the City with 5% of that being taken by the State for collection purposes. The hope if Council moves forward is to have something in effect by July 1, 2022, on the new fiscal year.

I wish all residents a great holiday season. I hope Thanksgiving was great and that Christmas and the New Year bring much happiness. Please remember to join the City and Chamber in celebrating the parade of lights on December 4, 2021, at approximately 5pm. This year's theme is Winter Wonderland.

Best regards and stay healthy and safe this season.

TOYS FOR TOYS



**UNION'S LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE ARE HOLDING THEIR
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.**

**WITH YOUR DONATION YOU WILL GIVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO A CHILD WHO OTHERWISE MAY
NOT HAVE ONE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, YOU CAN DROP OFF A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY,
GAMES, PUZZLES, HATS OR GLOVES AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- * CITY HALL * UNION SCHOOLS * HOMETOWN HARDWARE
- * UNION STOPLIGHT * UNION MARKET * UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY
- * GRAVY DAVES * LJ BREWSKI'S * UNION MERCANTILE
- * RATTLETALE * BI-MART



UNION'S VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUSITY!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES YOU CAN OBTAIN ONE FROM CITY HALL.

Union Carnegie Public Library

Monday ~ Thursday
10:00am ~ 5:00pm
Friday
10:00am ~ 4:00pm

We have lots of games and puzzles!! Stop by today, we know we have something here just for you!

It's nice and warm here in the library....perfect for an afternoon of reading a good book

Closed on Saturday
Storytime Tuesday 10:00am



Save a Stamp



Don't forget we have a payment drop box conveniently located outside City Hall in the foyer. The drop box is checked at least twice a day and payments posted the same day.

Every penny counts....save a stamp

Interesting Facts, Just for fun....

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1865	100
1873	250
1900	1600
1930	1107
1960	1490
1970	1531
1978	2000
2021	2150



LIVESTOCK IS EXPENSIVE.

(ESPECIALLY IF YOU HIT IT WITH YOUR VEHICLE.)

DID YOU KNOW?

Most rural highways in central and eastern Oregon are open range.

WHAT IS OPEN RANGE?

Oregon Open Range Laws allow livestock to run at large in unfenced areas, including highway shoulders or within lanes.

(ORS 800205)

WHO PAYS FOR A CRASH AND THE ANIMAL IF ONE IS STRUCK?

The motorist that has struck the livestock is liable for the cost of the animal as well as associated costs for animal removal.

(ORS 800344)

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER, ON AVERAGE:

- A deer weighs 200 lbs.
- An elk weighs 600 lbs.
- A beef cow weighs 1500 lbs.

HOW DO I STAY SAFE IN OPEN RANGE?

- Slow down and obey traffic signs.
- Drive without distractions.
- Pull over to rest if you're tired.
- Avoid intoxicating substances.
- Use extra caution at times of low visibility.
- Buckle up – all seats, every trip.



Share the Road. Look out for each other.

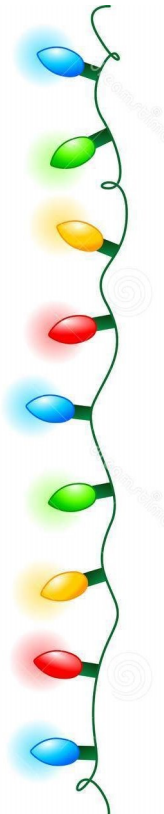
Transportation Safety – ODOT

“Christmas Cookies In The Library”

December 20th ~ 22nd

The Friends of the Library & Tiffany, hope you will stop by, say Hi and have some delicious treats!

Anyone interested in baking some treats to share, please call Rhonda @ 541-786-5422



When do I call 911 for an ambulance?

How do you tell the difference between a true emergency and a minor health problem? Certain symptoms are so alarming that the need for emergency care or even an ambulance is obvious. But what should you do about more common illnesses and injuries?

According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, the following are warning signs of a medical emergency:

- ◆ Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath
- ◆ Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure
- ◆ Fainting
- ◆ Sudden dizziness, weakness or change in vision
- ◆ Change in mental status (such as unusual behavior, confusion, non responsive)
- ◆ Sudden, severe pain anywhere in the body
- ◆ Bleeding that won’t stop
- ◆ Severe or persistent vomiting
- ◆ Coughing up or vomiting blood
- ◆ Suicidal or homicidal feelings
- ◆ Overdose on medication

Please remember....the ambulance is not for:

- ◆ A ride to a doctor’s appointment
- ◆ To get a minor injury bandaged
- ◆ Minor symptoms of a common illness
- ◆ A sprained or twisted ankle
- ◆ Minor burns or shallow cuts
- ◆ To get into the ER faster

For these minor health issues or accidents, contact your physician or go to an urgent care clinic. Limiting calls to 911 to true emergencies allows our limited resources to provide the best service to our citizens.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ EMS pay
- ⇒ Transient Lodging Tax
- ⇒ Discussing Audit Results
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen

City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins
Tim Cox
John Farmer
Mayor Leonard Flint

Leslie McMillan
Terra Richter
Heidi Denton

December Council Meetings

- December 13th
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- December 27th ~ TBD
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!



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
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



Name: _____

Age: _____ Parents Phone # _____

Return to the Library or to City Hall by December 21st