

City of Union NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Doug Wiggins, City Administrator

I would first like to apologize the January 2020 newsletter never came. Given some office emergencies, vacations, problems with our billing company; it just did not happen. Additionally, given the issues we have had over the past few months with the printing and shipping company's reliability and consistent omission of various pages and advertisements, the City has decided to revamp our methods with the delivery of the newsletter. With this new change, we are moving our format to this as you see here and focusing more on digital rather than paper production. Yes, you may still obtain paper copies at local businesses around Union, City Hall and the Library; but, they will also be available sooner on our revamped website (www.cityofunion.com) and our Facebook page (City of Union, Oregon) as well. Additionally, we will be happy to email a copy to you the first of each month if you contact City Hall with your email and ask to be added to the newsletter email list.

Now on to business. In prepping for the new year, Council has set their goal setting session for February 24, 2020 from 6-9pm at City Hall. They will use that time to evaluate the goals from past and set their goals for the next year, which ultimately help with the direction of the budget. Speaking of Budget, we have two open seats on the Budget Committee. If you are interested or need details, please contact City Hall. Council did agree to send the City deer population issue to committee. Councilor McDowell was assigned as liaison to that committee and as of this date we have had three volunteers step forward to be on that committee. The Mayor gave direction for the committee to not exceed 6 members and laid out the framework in which discussions and questions should be answered for Council. If you are interested there are still a few volunteer positions open for that committee. Please contact City Hall to learn more.

Please let us know as we move forward with the newsletter both your likes and dislikes as we try to revamp this newsletter into something more modern and reliable for our residents.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period.



National Volunteer day! April 25th, 2020

Along with our annual Spring Clean-up Day, Union Main Street will be participating in National Volunteer Day.

Union Main Street committee is now soliciting volunteer applications and project requests.

If interested, you can pick up a volunteer or project request form at city hall.



From Public Works

This winter has been a mild one....but we all know that February in Eastern Oregon can be brutal. The city's public works crew still cautions to watch the forecast and to be prepared for freezing conditions. A few precautions can save you the possibility of hundreds of dollars spent on repairs.

During freezing temperatures we suggest that you:

- Let your faucet **trickle** (the size of a pencil lead)
- Leave cabinet doors open to let in warm air to pipes
- Wrap pipes with insulation

If your pipes do freeze, remember to warm them up slowly to prevent bursting a pipe.

COUNCIL CORNER

Current council topics include

- ⇒ Deer Committee - Forming a committee to develop solutions for potential deer problems in city limits
- ⇒ ATV Ordinance - continued discussion of possible changes to become current with state statutes.
- ⇒ Water Rate Study - a grant has been received to begin a water rate study for the city.
- ⇒ Buffalo Flats Catherine Creek Project - continued monitoring of any effects to city flood plain



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weddings, receptions, meetings, and other events
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