

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

February 2022



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

Is it February already? Wow time keeps moving fast this year. Budget season will begin shortly for the City of Union. Speaking of budget season, the City will be holding their annual budget meetings in late April again. Look and watch for dates to come.

January snow and cold set in. Crews were busy plowing streets and drifts along with continued annual maintenance schedules. The Ranger Station flooring has been completed, doors installed, trim installed and awaits kitchen cabinets. In the parks we were able to get some stumps ground and cut down a tree that was sick.

I was proud of our public works crew and the job they did with the blizzard, were there some hiccups? Yes, but I think we waded through them quite well comparatively. The wind was the true problem and destroyed some of our winter lighting at the park, a streetlight on Dearborn, and many power interruptions. We had a total of 15 trees topple in the wind causing damage throughout town by either blocking roads or destroying both City and/or private property.

We continue to await the contract for the CDBG \$2.5 million grant for the water project. Once completed work will begin. Hopefully if all goes well it will be this summer.

The City Council will be bringing an ordinance forward for public comment in both February and March of transient lodging tax. City Council has set the rate to be 5% and there will be public comment time heard on the Ordinance at both the February and March Council meetings. If passed the ordinance will begin on July 1, 2022. For more details or a copy of the ordinance, please contact city Hall.

Council continues to take 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.

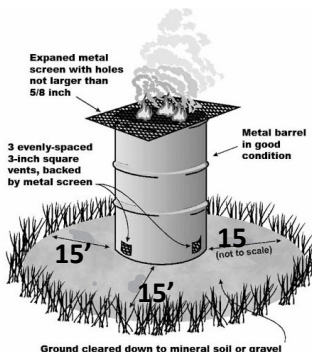


As we all know, February can be brutal here in Union County. The city still recommends that citizens watch the temperatures and let your faucets trickle. With the freezing temperature this last month we have had many citizens with broken pipes. We can't stress enough to use precautions, there may be a small increase in water usage, but it will be a lot cheaper than a plumber's bill.



2022 BURN PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE

Your 2022 burn permits are available here at city hall. Permits are good for a full calendar year and cost \$10.00.



A burn permit is required for any open burning and container burning.

We have burning ordinance brochures available here at city hall, or if you would like one emailed to you just let us know.



Poorly Displayed House Numbers Can Delay Medical Assistance

When you drive up to your home or business can you clearly and easily see your house numbers?

If not, that could spell trouble for EMS/Fire responders.

Every additional second that it takes them to find you could mean delayed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a cardiac arrest, and chances of survival decreases by about 10%.



A few tips:

- ⇒ Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly
- ⇒ Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see
- ⇒ If your house or business is located more than 45 feet from the street, the numbers should be displayed on a fence, mailbox or post
- ⇒ Numbers should be at least 4 inches tall
- ⇒ Be sure numbers are not obstructed by trees, shrubs or flags

City of Union ORD 419 states that house numbers are required on all homes and businesses within city limits

A COLD WINTER’S DAY
AND A GOOD BOOK!

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)

Come in today and warm-up with a good book!

“In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold.”

Ben Aaronovitch

Attention City Residents:

The City would like to remind all city residents that are connected to the city sewer system or will be in the future. We have been experiencing an alarming number of ‘non flushable’ items, causing clogging at our sewer pumping stations and at the treatment plant. The pumps and system are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.

Examples of what should **NOT** be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- ◆ Cloth rags or towels
- ◆ Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even though the container indicates that they are ‘flushable’)
- ◆ Paper (other than toilet tissue)
- ◆ Medications (prescription, or over-the-counter)
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- ◆ Beauty products, Q-tips, dental floss
- ◆ Plastics of any kind
- ◆ Grease of any kind - especially cooking grease
- ◆ Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- ◆ Paint, varnishes, paint removers
- ◆ Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material



All these items should be disposed of in your trash. In fact, any of the items should not go into a septic tank (for those who may not be on city sewer services).

Remember! Only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets. Clogged systems lead to sewer backups which

Winter walks can be beautiful, and healthy, but follow these simple tips for your safety:

- * Plan routes, and walk only on cleared and treated surfaces.
- * Wear appropriate footwear, including those that are specifically designed to grip on ice to increase traction. When wearing ice cleats, remember to remove them indoors to avoid slipping.
- * Slow down and take shorter steps to help with traction.
- * Avoid carrying heavy or awkward loads.
- * Use handrails when using stairs or ramps.
- * Don’t take shortcuts over snow piles or areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible.

Be Healthy...But Stay Safe

Are you planning a spring or summer building project? Remember, regardless of what you're building, you need to check with the City Planning Department. They will be able to determine if you need a pre-build permit, inform of set-backs requirements, and determine if you need a building permit from Union County.

Pre-builds from the city are \$25.00 and are required by Union County for a building permit.



Ordinance Education Corner....

Do you have family or friends coming to visit? Are they bringing their camp trailer? According to ORD 530 (amending ORD 264) :

The owner, lessee or occupant of a parcel of real property within the city of Union, upon which a visitor’s trailer coach is to be parked, must first obtain a permit to allow said parking from the city. The applicant shall complete an application at city hall, which will be kept on file. A permit will be issued and must be placed in a window of the trailer coach that is visible from a city street. A permit is valid for no longer than 14 days, although property owner can apply for 3 permits in one year. The trailer coach shall not be parked upon any dedicated street or alley, service entry or sidewalk and shall not be parked closer than 5 feet from any property line.

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.



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
Tim Cox
John Farmer
Mayor Leonard Flint

Leslie McMillan
Terra Richter
Heidi Denton

February Council Meetings

- February 14th
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- February 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 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
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