

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

January 2023



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

And just like that 2022 has left and we usher in 2023. So many things to reflect upon in 2022 as it was busy for the City of Union. Some great things happening along with some surprises. So where do we start?

Ranger Station: Got building #1 completed and renting as an AirBnB in October of this past year. It has been fruitful for the City and since day one been making a return on its investment. Building #2 has been gutted on the inside and awaits permitting to move forward. With everything coming together, we believe we may have #2 up and going by end of the summer.

Wastewater: New screen has been ordered and we will be getting the documents out to bid shortly for the building portion. It is hoped by Spring this project has been substantially completed. We had to tear down the #1 Clarifier and rebuild. I have to say I was proud of the crew as what could have been quite some time down, they turned it into only a couple of weeks for turn around. Underground plumbing at the plant was updated to isolate the #1 Clarifier. We hired a new integrator for the plant and already seeing some fast turn around on fixing some problems. Our DEQ permit is in process of updating which should complete in 2023.

Water: The big news was getting the water project under contract after many negotiations and the hope is to be substantially completed by Fall. Updated the GIS system on the water to include valving and looking forward will be updating the meter box locations in the system.

Streets: Besides normal maintenance, E. Chestnut received a much-needed facelift. This project substantially completed in November and there will be some tidying up to take place this spring to complete.

Administration: Updated the administration building to fiber internet and will be looking forward to phone upgrades in the coming months.

Economic Development: MainStreet Union is now up and going on a more permanent basis with a great group of volunteers. It is hoped moving forward their activity snowballs and becomes a financially sound entity that will help in cleaning and upgrading mainstreet.

ARPA Funding: The City of Union received ARPA funds to which they are using to renovate the Ranger Station and putting small grants out for non-profits to apply as seed money for economic development. If successful, more will be coming.

As always, my page is limited and there is so much more to talk about, so please feel free to contact City Hall to get the latest scoop on these projects and some of the other smaller projects in the works. We will be glad to direct you to the proper person to get your questions answered.

Have a safe and prosperous new year.

Open Council Seat.....

With the induction of Susan Hawkins to the position of Mayor there will be an open City Councilor position. This position will become an appointed position at the February 2023 city council meeting. Citizen's interested in becoming involved and helping the community may apply by application for this position. This open position's term ends in January 2025.

What is a City Councilor and what do they do? A City Councilor is responsible for establishing policy and direction for City staff to follow so that those services that are deemed essential by the electorate and taxpaying residents and businesses of the community are provided in a cost-effective and professional manner. A Council member will attend and participate in meetings each month. A Council member communicates with the residents through visits, emails, public meetings, social gatherings, etc. The City Council is mandated to provide an environment that stimulates participation in the governing processes and to conduct the affairs of the City openly and responsively.

Candidates must be a citizen of Union and a registered voter. If you are interested in helping your community and making a difference, we encourage you to apply. Applications are available here at city hall or online at www.cityofunion.com under the forms section, or call us at 541-562-5197 and request one be emailed to you. Applications are due by January 31st by 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT ~ JANUARY 9TH AT 5:00PM
SHELL TRINKET TRAYS ~ ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

JANUARY STORYTIMES, TUESDAY'S AT 10:00~11:00AM
STORIES, CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES, AND SNACKS PROVIDED
JANUARY 3RD HANSEL & GRETEL GINGERBREAD HOUSE
JANUARY 10TH KID SAFE DOG COOKIES
JANUARY 17TH DISCOVERY JARS
JANUARY 24TH PLAY KITCHEN
JANUARY 31ST PARTY CLOWNS

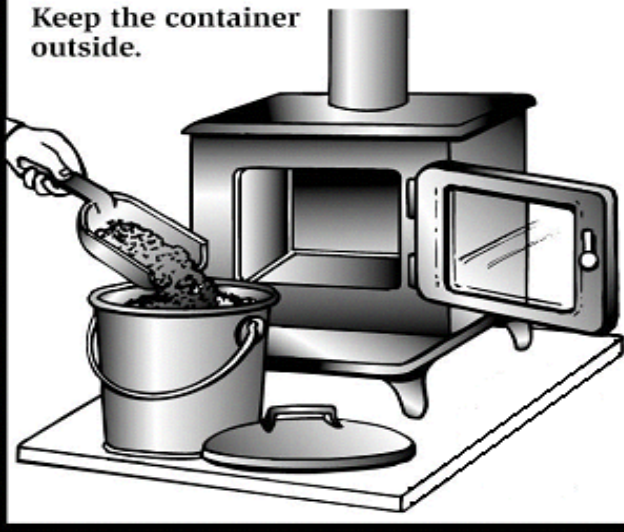
THE WIND IS BLOWING, AND THE WEATHER IS COLD!
NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY THE WARMTH AND COZINESS
OF YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Keep Ashes Out of Your Garbage Bin

Never put ashes from your woodstove or fireplace in the trash can! Don't risk a fire!
Allow the ashes to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight fitting lid

Keep the container outside.



Notice To The Public....

City council will be having their annual discussion's regarding water/sewer rates.

Plan on attending council work sessions and meeting throughout January to listen and discuss possible rate changes. January meetings begin January 9th, with a work session at 6:00pm and council meeting at 7:00pm.

Also happening in January, city councilors will be planning a goal session meeting to discuss goals for fiscal year 2023-2024



*From The City of Union
Mayor, City Council,
City Administrator,
City Employees, and Volunteers
We wish you a very Happy New Year!*

OH NO...FROZEN PIPES!!

With the fridged cold weather and wind we have already had citizens with frozen water lines! We encourage you to do any of the following to help prevent this from happening to you.

- ◆ Let a faucet trickle, just the size of a pencil lead. You may experience a slightly larger utility bill, but it won't compare to the costs of a plumber and repairs. Water running through your pipes prevents pipes from freezing and the meter as well.
- ◆ Leave cabinet doors open to allow warm air to your pipes
- ◆ It's never too late to insulate pipes under your house
- ◆ Check those 'frost free' hydrants...if they are installed too shallow they too will freeze up. And make sure outside spickots are insulated.
- ◆ If waterlines do freeze, never use a blow torch to thaw to prevent breaking, but thaw them slowly by using a blow dryer or similar

Winter is far from over. And we have known our Northeast Oregon winters to be brutal.

Take these precautions the next time temperatures drop below freezing to prevent those costly repairs and the headache of frozen water lines!



We would like to extend a Welcome to our newly elected officials on this last November election:

Mayor Susan Hawkins

Councilor Dick Middleton elected to Position #2

Councilor John Black elected to Position #4

Councilor Anita Boyer-Davis elected to Position #6

We look forward to working with you all.

2023 BURN PERMITS

Burn permits for 2023 are available here at city hall. The cost is \$10.00 and is valid for the full calendar year, excluding the summer month's during a burn ban. Stop in today and pick up your new

Ordinance Education Corner...

Ord 92.17

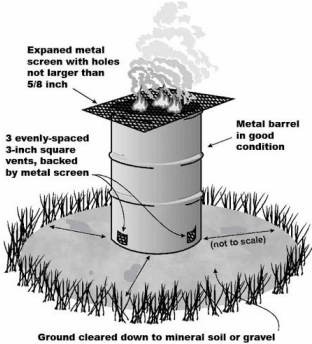
A citizen must first obtain a burn permit before any open burning or barrel burning. Only clean dry paper, yard debris are allowed.

Prohibited include, but not limited to, garbage, tires, waxed cardboard, furniture, plastics, magazines, and diapers.

There shall be a 15 foot safety area around burn barrel and the person shall make adequate provisions for fire control. All open burns may not exceed two feet high and three feet in diameter. Burn piles must have a 25 foot safety area, must be constantly supervised with proper safety and extinguishing supplies readily available.

Burn hours will limited to the hours from dawn to dusk. All fires must be completely extinguished by dark.

A fire permit may be revoked at any time if the permit holder is, or would be, in violation of any applicable provision in this chapter.



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen
- ⇒ Water System Update Project
- ⇒ Rural & City Fire/EMS merger

~City Council Members ~

Open Seat

Tim Cox

John Farmer

Dick Middleton

John Black

Anita Davis

Mayor Susan Hawkins

January 2023 Council Meetings

- January 9th
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- January 23rd
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

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

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



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Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? Just call city hall at 541-562-5197 or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com and we will put you on the email list.



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	
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	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar