

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

January 2021



What a year 2020 was! 2020 is a year full of many memories for so many people, but the memories are something many of us wish we would have never had to endure.

January and February started off normal for the City, establishing goals, getting budgets set for the coming fiscal year, working on establishing a workflow for the year, and planning infrastructure improvements. March started much the same until that dreadful day of March 23, 2020 when schools shuttered for the year and everything was placed in limbo due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Lockdowns and much uncertainty began during the next couple months and all hope was banking on a summer that much of this would end as fast as it began.

Summer arrived and as the virus appeared to be slowing a bit, the City began working on a few of the planned projects. Most big projects had already been whittled down to smaller versions due to COVID-19 and staffing concerns and safety. However, the City managed to have about 400 feet of 6" water line installed along Hickory Way, thus improving water pressure and fire and life safety in the area. Then due to some development the City had another 200 feet of water and sewer pipe laid near 5th Street. Both projects unplanned, but necessary given recent development in the area. Wastewater began improvements on the golf course pond and continued wastewater treatment plant improvements were completed to keep up with DEQ standards.

The Ranger Station project stood still most of the summer due to the heavy demand placed upon construction crews around the County, making it difficult to secure help on the project, but some progress was made.

Normalcy began to set in by late summer and early fall as schools resumed, but then the County was hit with a wave of COVID-19 illness this late fall/early winter season. As of now our area code stands at 49 confirmed COVID-19 cases and the County with nearly 1000 cases. A new hope is on the horizon as a vaccine has come forward and by late winter/early spring hope remains that many will be vaccinated.

Here at the City, we wish everyone a prosperous New Year and pray with all of you that in 2021 our City can rebuild our businesses from the COVID-19 impacts and bring back the way of life many of us have come to remember as "normal."



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ City Surplus Sale of Real Property
- ⇒ COVID updates
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses
- ⇒ Weed Ordinance Updates



City Council Position Open.....

The City of Union has one city council position open as of January 1, 2021.

As a City Council member you will attend and participate in at least three meetings per month. The first being the second Monday of each month consisting of a work session and a regular council meeting. A second work session will be held the fourth Monday of each month. Additional meetings may be held as necessary. 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.

If you are interested in serving your community by joining the City of Union City Council you can find an application by visiting our website, www.cityofunion.com, or by calling our office at 541-562-5197

Applications are due January 8, 2021 by 5:00pm



Union Family Dental Clinic

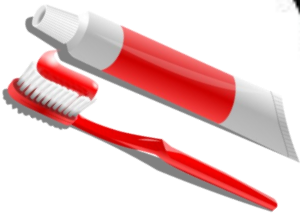
Serving Union County and surrounding areas dental needs.

We offer a twenty percent discount to all same day cash paying patients. We also bill all insurance plans, accept OHP, and offer a payment plan option. Book your appointment today.

Call our office at 541-562-2222

Great dental care at an affordable price.

Make an appointment to have a sports guard made in your schools color for \$75.00



Before heading out.....

Know your route and up to date on the weather conditions.

Pack plenty of water and food

Pack a winter travel kit

Cell phone/car charger

Blankets

Battery Operated Radio

Flashlight

Extra Batteries

Emergency Flashers

Ice scraper

Tow rope

Cat litter (for traction aid) or chains

A portable radio

First aid kit

A full days dose of any needed medications

Slow down....it's better to be a little late than to not arrive at all

If you do get stranded...Stay and wait for assistance

Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any obstructions, Including snow and ice, to prevent build up of carbon monoxide.

Preparation and knowledge is so essential this time of year!

-Drive Safely-



Feeding of Wildlife.....

Well intentioned people often feed deer, elk, and other wildlife without realizing the problems that it can create, such as digestion issues, infections and often death. Wildlife and their diet requirement changes with the seasons and they are best met by their native foraging instincts.

Feeding wildlife also causes large concentrations of animals which can lead to the spread of diseases and parasites.

Feeding wildlife can also cause aggressive behavior towards people, pets and even amongst themselves.

The City of Union's ORD 533 prohibits the feeding of Deer, Raccoons, Wild Turkey and any other potential habituated wildlife within city limits.

Mild Winter?.....

We have had such a mild winter so far that it is hard to believe that it could turn off bitter cold and freezing! But as we all know, the weather here in Eastern Oregon can change fast!

It only takes a few precautions to make sure your pipes are kept from freezing.

Wrap pipes that are under the house with insulation, open cupboards doors to let warm air circulate around pipes, let your water trickle to keep pipes and your meter from freezing. Just these few precautions can save you hundreds of dollars in repairs if your pipes freeze and burst.



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.

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**AT THIS TIME WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS
THE LIBRARY IS 'BY APPOINTMENT ONLY'**

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY

10:00 ~ 4:00

FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL
541-562-5811

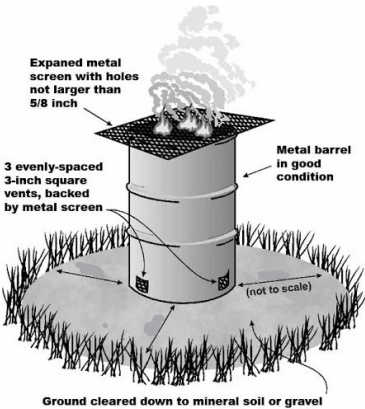
2021 BURN PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

You can now purchase your 2021 burn permits.

As City Hall is closed to the public please call city hall to arrange a time to come by to purchase your permit.

City Hall 541-562-5197

By appointment only.



Attention:

At this time, due to COVID restrictions, City Hall’s lobby is closed to the public. But we are still in the office every day and are able to take your utility payments either over the phone, or in the drop box or by mail. Other city business is by appointment only. If you need an appointment call 541-562-5197



January Council Meetings

January 11th
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

January 25th
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



ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
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 Thurs of the month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-6134
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