

# City of Union Oregon NEWSPLETTER

"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

*July 2022*



**From The Desk Of**  
*Doug Wiggins*  
City Administrator

Well, the end of June has come along with the end of the Fiscal year of 21-22.

The Ranger Station project is wrapping up on the first home, with pretty much just concrete left to go and then we can begin renting out the nightly stay. The park this year has been looking so nice with the early rains and Robin has been busy keeping it green and trim. We have scheduled some painting for the playground equipment and some small fixes. The playground fence has been delivered, but installation will not be complete until September.

Upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant have been under way and should finish out by this fall. We are in the process of trying to find a new controls contractor as our previous has walked off the job. We continue to negotiate with DEQ over our permit, but it is looking we will need to get out of Catherine Creek within about 8-10 years or have another large upgrade to the plant.

The big water project is under way and bids should be in by the end of June with construction to begin by August. We are hoping this project to be completed by next spring.

The Library Levy comes up for vote at the general election in which voters can decide whether to continue to support the operations of the Carnegie Library or not. They have decided to leave the rates the same as it has been which has proven to be adequate to run the Library at this time.

With that, the Library this month began its first Movie Night in the Park to which we believe to have been a success. It was attended by approximately 30 people (adults and kids) and they took in the movie Mulan. July 15<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled movie. Bring the family, sit in the park and enjoy a family friendly movie. I thank Laura Anderson, our seasonal part time librarian, for putting this together. Wonderful job.

As the heat comes, with it comes dehydration, sunburns, and heat exhaustion. Please remember to take time to rest in the heat, to keep yourself hydrated and cover up from the sun.

Please remember the July 4, 2022, fireworks show will be at Buffalo Peak Golf Course this year. Come downtown that evening as there are many events planned, from an old western style bank robbery re-enactment to food trucks, vendors and additional music and eats at the golf course as well.

Play safe, be safe, Have a Great July.

## THUNDER AT THE PEAK ~ 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS!

SPEND THE DAY, GO TO THE MUSEUM ( NOON-6PM) , CHECK OUT THE ANTIQUES CARS ON DISPLAY, AND THE VENDORS DOWNTOWN ( 5-9PM)

FIREWORKS START AT DUSK! ( AROUND 9:45-10PM)

AND.....

### "RE-ENACTMENT" OF THE UNION BANK ROBBERY!

UNION CITIZENS ARE CELEBRATING THE NATION ' S BIRTHDAY WITH A HOLLYWOOD STYLE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE HISTORIC BANK ROBBERY THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE CITY OF UNION IN LATE 1900. EARLY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS TELL THE STORY OF THREE MEN WHO ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, THAT WAS LOCATED IN THE CURRENT UNION MUSEUM BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE JOURNALISTS OF THE DAY, THE THREE MEN BROKE INTO THE BANK BUILDING AROUND 3AM ON THE DATE OF OCTOBER 23, 1900. THE ROBBERS THEN PROCEEDED TO CHISEL A MAN SIZE WHOLE IN THE STONE WALL OF THE VAULT. ONCE INSIDE, THEY DISCOVERED A STEEL SAFE HOLDING THE BANK FUNDS. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE AT OPENING THE SAFE WITH HAMMERS AND CHISELS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. FINALLY, ONE OF THE BANDITS BROKE OUT THE NITROGLYCERIN THAT THEY HAD AND AFFIXED 3 CHARGES TO THE STEEL STRONG BOX. THE RESULTING EXPLOSION BLEW THE DOOR OFF THE STONE VAULT AND SHATTERED ONE OF THE FRONT WINDOWS OF THE BANK. HOWEVER, MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE WOULD BE ROBBERS, THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX REMAINED INTACT. THE THREE MEN FLED THE SCENE, BUT NEVER RECOVERED THE \$15,000 DOLLARS IN GOLD AND CASH. THE STUBBORN SAFE BOX STILL REFUSED TO YIELD UP ITS CONTENTS TO THE BANK MANAGER AND A TEAM OF EXPERTS THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE BANK ROBBERS WERE NEVER FOUND!

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

City Council and City Administration have ended the COVID leniency regarding utility billings. All accounts now need to be paid in full by the end of each month to stay current and avoid shut off.

Utility bills are due no later than the 15th to avoid late fees of \$15.00.

Delinquent notices go out the end of each month at a \$20.00 charge and delinquent payments are due within 7 days to avoid shut off. Once utilities are shut off the account must be paid in full (including \$35.00 reconnect fee) to restore services.

Use our convenient payment drop box in the foyer at city hall (this is checked multiple times throughout the day), or pay by debit/credit card (merchant fees apply) or come in person and pay at our front desk.

**UNION COUNTY MUSEUM**  
**~FEATURING~**  
**COWBOYS ~ THEN AND NOW**  
**A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US**  
**OUTDOOR AGRICULTURE EXHIBIT**  
**PERIOD ROOMS & HOT LAKE RESORT DISPLAY**  
  
**THE UNION COUNTY MUSEUM IS DEDICATED TO  
PRESENTING THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL  
HISTORY OF THE REGION.**  
  
**MUSEUM HOURS:**  
  
**WEDNESDAY ~ SATURDAY 11:00am ~ 3:00pm**  
  
**LOCATED AT 332 S. MAIN UNION OR 97883**



**LOOKING FORWARD TO... ..**  
  
**GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL**  
  
**AUGUST 13TH**  
  
**ALL DAY FAMILY FUN!!**  
  
**VENDORS, CITY WIDE YARD SALES, GAMES,**  
**CAR SHOW, DUCK RACE, MUSIC AND SO**  
  
**MUCH MORE**



**Friends of the Union  
Carnegie Public Library**  
**will be holding their  
annual yard sale**  
**July 8th & 9th.**  
  
**Please join us at 64825 Little Creek Ln,**  
**Union OR from 9am - 5pm**





Please Remember:

With warm weather finally here we need to be especially careful with our pets. Making sure they have access to plenty of fresh water and shade. And so importantly don't leave your pet in your car or truck! Even for just a quick trip to the store. Within just a few minutes a car or truck can become deadly, even with the windows down! Despite the constant warnings numerous pets needlessly die after being left in a vehicle. Don't let your pet become one of the statistics.

Walking your dog?... Remember, if the pavement is too hot on your bare feet....it's too hot on their feet. Walking in the morning or evening is best....to prevent burnt paws, dehydration or heatstroke.

Our pets depend on us, don't let them down



**Movie In The Park**  
  
**Friday ~ July 15th**  
  
**7:00pm**  
  
**This month's movie is:**  
  
**The Jungle Book**  
  
**Popcorn, Candy & Soda**  
**available for purchase**  
  
**Presented by:**  
  
**The Union Carnegie Public Library**

Union Carnegie Public Library would like to thank the following for their time, energy and expertise:

Hometown Hardware

Jessee McCauley

Boy Scouts

Sandy Sheehy

The Ida C. Fund

Jennifer McBride

Platz Farms

Jo's Fabric

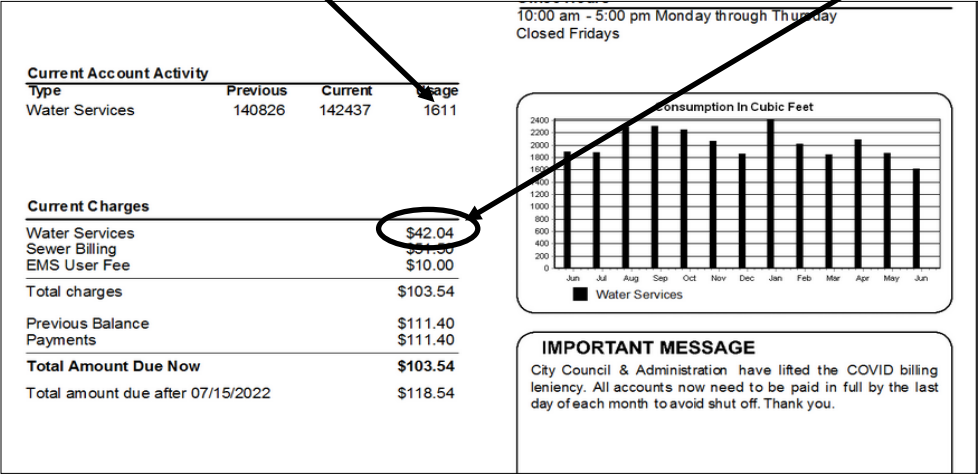
Nancy Dahlstrom





There has been some confusion when it comes to figuring out the new water rates. It can be confusing, but here is an example: The water billing below of \$42.04 is calculated by taking the flat rate for a 3/4” meter of \$33.99, plus the total usage multiplied by .005 (1/2 penny) for each cubic foot.

Therefore, the usage of 1611 x .005 = \$8.05 then add the flat rate of \$33.99 = \$42.04



Note: For the majority of the year a residential 3/4” meter is allotted cubic feet at the cost of .005 is 1000 cubic feet any cubic feet over 1000 is at a cost of .0125 per cubic foot.

To encourage watering during summer months of June, July, August & September the allotted cubic feet at the cost of .005 is increased from 1000 to 2000 cf. And any cubic feet used above the 2000 cf will be charged at a rate of .0125

\*\*allotted cubic feet at a rate of .005 changes with each size of meter.



Summer Reading Program Schedule ~ Infant-Preschool

|         |           |         |                                     |                            |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 5  | Tuesday   | 10:00am | Toddler Hike & Dragon Fly Craft     | Catherine Creek State Park |
| July 6  | Wednesday | 10:15am | Baby Mama Yoga & Handprint Animals  | Union Library              |
| July 12 | Tuesday   | 10:15am | Baby Mama Yoga & Lacing Cards       | Union Library              |
| July 13 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Reptile Handler                     | Union Library              |
| July 15 | Friday    | Sundown | Movie in the Park                   | Union City Park            |
| July 18 | Monday    | 10:15am | Baby Mama Yoga & Clay Nature Prints | Union Library              |
| July 18 | Monday    | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading         | Union Library              |
| July 19 | Tuesday   | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading         | Union Library              |
| July 20 | Wednesday | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading         | Union Library              |
| July 21 | Thursday  | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading         | Union Library              |
| July 28 | Thursday  | 10:00am | Pipe Cleaner Fine Motor Snakes      | Union Library              |

Summer Reading Program Schedule ~ School-Aged

|         |           |         |                                      |                            |
|---------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 5  | Tuesday   | 1:00pm  | Safari Silhouette Painting           | Union Library              |
| July 6  | Wednesday | 10:15am | Animal Pose Yoga & Handprint Animals | Union Library              |
| July 7  | Thursday  | 10:00am | Paper Beads                          | Union Library              |
| July 11 | Monday    | 10:00am | Climbing Wall                        | EOU Climbing Wall          |
| July 13 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Reptile Handler                      | Union Library              |
| July 14 | Thursday  | 10:15am | Yoga and Mosaic Mask Craft           | Union Library              |
| July 15 | Friday    | Sundown | Movie in the Park                    | Union City Park            |
| July 18 | Monday    | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading          | Union Library              |
| July 19 | Tuesday   | 10:00am | Bird Houses                          | Union Library              |
| July 19 | Tuesday   | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading          | Union Library              |
| July 20 | Wednesday | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading          | Union Library              |
| July 21 | Thursday  | 10:00am | Animal Tracking Bingo                | Union Library              |
| July 21 | Thursday  | 2:00pm  | Food Hero Recipes & Reading          | Union Library              |
| July 25 | Monday    | 10:00am | EOU Guided Hike                      | Catherine Creek State Park |
| July 26 | Tuesday   | 10:00am | Geodes                               | Union Library              |
| July 27 | Wednesday | 10:00am | Sand Art                             | Union Library              |
| July 28 | Thursday  | 10:00am | Cave Painting                        | Union Library              |
| Aug 2   | Tuesday   | 10:00am | Suncatcher                           | Union Library              |
| Aug 3   | Wednesday | 10:00am | Telescope & Binoculars               | Union Library              |
| Aug 4   | Thursday  | 10:00am | Scavenger Hunt                       | Union Library              |
| Aug 9   | Tuesday   | 10:00am | Local History & Historic Items       | Union Library              |

Summer Reading Program ~ Adult Schedule

|         |        |         |                                        |
|---------|--------|---------|----------------------------------------|
| July 11 | Monday | 10:00am | EOU Climbing Wall @ EOU                |
| July 11 | Monday | 5:00pm  | Feather Earrings @ Union Library       |
| July 25 | Monday | 10:00am | Guided Hike @ Catherine Crk State Park |
| July 25 | Monday | 5:00pm  | Aboriginal Art @ Union Library         |
| Aug 1   | Monday | 5:00pm  | Geocache @ Union Library               |



Ordinance Education Corner....

**Abandoned Vehicle:** Left unoccupied and unclaimed or in a damaged or dismantled condition upon the streets or alleys of the city.

71.125 IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES.

- (A) Whenever a vehicle is placed in a manner or location that constitutes an obstruction to traffic or a hazard to public safety, law enforcement shall order the owner or operator of the vehicle to remove it. If the vehicle is unattended, the officer may cause the vehicle to be towed and stored at the owner’s expense. The owner shall be liable for the costs of towing and storing, notwithstanding that the vehicle was parked by another, or that the vehicle was initially parked in a safe manner but subsequently became an obstruction or hazard.
- (B) The disposition of a vehicle towed and stored under authority of this section shall be in accordance with the provisions relating to impoundment and disposition of vehicles abandoned on the city streets.
- (C) The impoundment of a vehicle will not preclude the issuance of a citation for violation of a provision of this chapter.
- (D) Stolen vehicles may be towed from public or private property and stored at the expense of the vehicle owner.

City code enforcement pays close attention to vehicles parked or abandoned in the city rights-of-way. Vehicle will be tagged at least 24 hours prior to towing to give vehicle owner to remove that vehicle.

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                      Leslie McMillan  
Tim Cox                                Terra Richter  
John Farmer                        Heidi Denton  
Mayor Leonard Flint



July Council Meetings

- July 11th
  - Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
  - Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- July 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          |
| 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon of month       | City Hall                        | 6.00 pm    | 541-562-5197          |
| CUP Medical Association                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month                  | Catherine Creek CommCtr          | 10-11:00am | 541-562-2038          |
| Friends of the Library                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues January, April, July & November | Union Library                    | 7:00 pm    | 541-562-5807          |
| Grande Ronde Valley Masonic             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month                     | Masonic Hall                     | 7:30pm     |                       |
| Historic Preservation                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month                     | City Hall                        | 6:00pm     | 541-562-5197          |
| Library Board                           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April         | Library                          | 4:00 pm    | 541-562-5811          |
| Lions Club                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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