

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

June 2023



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

It has been a very busy May for the city crew. They were waiting for the good weather, it came, and oh my, I believe we had a head on collision with emergencies and projects.

Public Works:

Public Works has taken the brunt of this collision of work. They relocated our effluent force main in the Century Estates subdivision to accommodate a new home build. They replaced an irrigation culvert on Fifth Street that had caved in, had an emergency water break on North College Drive and then discovered an underground air leak from our blower room to the digesters at the wastewater treatment plant. Additionally, they are working to prep for our screen replacement project at the treatment plant.

We filled our open full-time position and welcome Stephen Brock to the public works team.

Ranger Station:

We found a contractor to come in and do the prep work to prepare us for plumbing and electrical at the middle building. We have taken bids for the electrical and plumbing and Council will be getting us moving forward on that at our June 12, 2023, meeting.

On a side note, the first unit has been busy with rentals and is booked largely through the summer. We do only allow bookings on the building to only 90 days in advance. The reviews thus far have been fabulous and our host for the units has been extraordinary.

Budget:

The council will be considering the budget on June 12, 2023. The budget that was forwarded to them from the Budget Committee will be around \$7.2 million and includes about \$1.5 million in grant funding.

Fire/EMS:

The Council passed a resolution to place the fire and EMS department on the ballot for August 22, 2023. Union Citizens will be asked whether to allow the departments to be annexed into the Union Rural Fire Protection District. If you have questions on the measure, please speak with any of our elected officials to learn what this means for our city.

College Street Bridge:

The city was recently awarded a \$3 million dollar grant from the federal government to replace the College Street bridge over Little Creek. This will be for both design and construction and will take place over the next couple of years. It seemed this project was stalled for a couple years and is now finally moving forward.

I can say that without a doubt this summer will be busy for our staff as we have taken on many projects and due to delays and inventory issues from our vendors, they all seem to be coming to a head at about the same time. Please be patient when calling in for help as we will more than likely be tied up on a project but will get to you just as soon as we can break free to do so.

Stay safe and have fun in the sun.

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

The Oldest Show In The Northwest

June 4th ~ 11th

"Rodeo Fans & Cattle Brands"

Extreme Bull Riding ~ Parade ~ PRCA Rodeo ~ Pari-mutuel Racing

4H ~ FFA Livestock Shows

4H ~ Livestock Sale



Hydrant Flushing

It is that time of year for fire hydrant maintenance and flushing. Through out the summer Public Works will be flushing hydrants around the city.

Flushing hydrants can be done to not only test the fire flow capacity in the event of a fire, but also flushed to remove minerals deposits that may occur inside the water distribution pipes.

Citizens who experience unusual water issues during this time, such as air in the lines, or discolored water, are encouraged to turn on an outside water faucet and let the water run for 5-10 minutes to clear water lines.



Thunder At The Peak

Coming soon.....!!

Fireworks Show at Buffalo Peak

July 4th, 2023



If you would like to make a donation to the fireworks show it can be sent to...

City of Union Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 76

Union, OR 97883

UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program begins June 12th. Sign up at the library! All ages welcome!!

Event schedules are available at the library, online on Facebook and Instagram, and posted around town.

To volunteer contact the library, 541-562-5811 or email us at library@cityofunion.com



Thank you to sponsors, donors, and volunteers for our summer reading program!!

- *Friends of the Library, *Wild Woman on Fire Apothecary, *Sarah West of Teahouse Bakery,
- *Jan Marrs of Almosta Farms, *Allyson Smith of Savage Serpents, *Michelle & Christine of Catherine Creek Hides,
- *Nicole Haggerty, *Jennifer McBride, *Brittney Johnston, *Sara Hartley, *Coy Wilde, *Pat Kennedy,
- *Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, *Tessie Murray, *Nancy & Dave Dahlstrom, *Meghan Ballard, *Avella Orchards,
- *Jim McIver, *Donna Rainboth, *Theresa Gustafson, *Catherine Creek Community Center, *Carrie Caselton Lowe,
- *Next Step Pregnancy & Relationship Center, *Annetta Evans, *Beckie's Dance Studio, *John Townsend & the Robocats,
- *Kyle Koyle & GO STEM!, *Rory Becker, *Amanda Welch, *Addison Bonzani,
- *Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration Inc, *Landon Bell



Library Hours

Monday 10am - 6pm

Tuesday thru Thursday 10am - 5pm

Friday 10am - 4pm

182 N Main

541-562-5811



Check us out on Facebook @Union,OR Carnegie Library



What's Happening At The Museum in June:

It's a pleasure having visitors enjoying the myriad of historic sights at the Museum. Although we are only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. we hope that with additional volunteer help we can expand those hours.

One summer event the Museum traditionally sponsors is a Third Tuesday evening at the Little White Church next to City Hall. This year we have four events planned, the first one June 20 at 7 p.m. Steve Wadner, a volunteer who also does research for the Museum will speak about Willis Skiff, a prominent citizen of Union and his mysterious disappearance and the resulting truly unique and life changing experiences suffered by his family. Mark June 20 at 7 p.m. on your calendar for an interesting revelation of a mystery not quite solved.

On another note it's getting close to canning season and I'd like to share information on two special home canned items located in the old fashioned Museum kitchen. One bottle of jam sealed with bee's wax in 1898 made by Elizabeth Baker sits on top of an old ice box. This jar came from Missouri with the Fox family and was brought to Oregon by Elizabeths' daughter Mary Day. Sadly its flavor will always remain a history mystery.

There is also an Economy jar with a wire sealed lid containing 3 large cobs with huge kernels of corn attached. This corn was canned by Mrs.C.D. Huffman and was taken to the Fair in 1905. This interesting canned corn has made more than 8 trips to the county Fair and has won many blue ribbons. It was entered in the Fair for the last time in 1961 by Mrs. Huffmans' daughter Etha Hill. Can you imagine any of our home canned goods today lasting so long and still looking so delicious? More next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

The regents of the Oregon Agricultural College have secured Prof. A. B. Leckenby to take charge of the experiment station in Union, Oregon. Mr. Leckenby has extraordinary qualifications for investigating all questions relating to the introduction of grasses and forage plants. The most important of all agricultural problems in Eastern Oregon at present time is to restore the pastures and increase the capacity of the country to support live stock. Prof. Leckenby is already familiar with the conditions of Eastern Oregon and will enter upon the experimental work at once. The contract has been let for a two-story brick building to cost \$12,900. Professor Leckenby will have charge of the station at a salary of \$1,200 per year.



~Corvallis Gazette March 19, 1901



~Vacation Bible School~

Union Baptist Church

K ~ 6th grade

June 12th ~ 16th

9am ~ 12pm



Calling all children! Come and have a fun time with friends and maybe meet new friends! There will be crafts, outside games, singing and a fun happy skit.

We hope to see a lot of kids for a lot of fun and learning!

A public meeting of the Union City Council will be held on June 12th, 2023 at 7:15 pm at the Leonard Almquist City Council Chambers, Union, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the City of Union Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Union City Hall, between the hours of 10 am and 5pm (Monday-Thursday) or online at www.cityofunion.com . This budget is for an annual budget period from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.				
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
	2021-2022	This Year 2022-2023	Next Year 2023-2024
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	3,434,098	3,869,488	3,824,595
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service	1,760,481	1,652,160	1,730,890
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and	405,422	2,167,892	1,585,142
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	749,982	355,658	349,710
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes			
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	303,319	290,000	290,000
Total Resources	6,653,302	8,335,198	7,780,337

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	674,631	884,459	897,670
Materials and Services	654,546	753,300	855,475
Capital Outlay	557,781	4,971,829	4,253,054
Debt Service	176,232	377,065	377,833
Interfund Transfers	749,982	355,658	274,000
Contingencies		269,500	305,143
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expendit	3,840,130	723,387	817,162
Total Requirements	6,653,302	8,335,198	7,780,337

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	596,607	1,261,832	1,199,526
FTE	1.2	1.7	1.6
Public Safety	69,170	650,653	401,670
FTE	0.1	0.6	0.2
Parks	33,181	60,536	86,194
FTE	0.3	0.4	0.4
Court	1,455	2,950	2,975
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recycling	598	800	900
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planning	13,399	33,566	26,363
FTE	0.3	0.5	0.3
Water	586,712	2,758,532	2,612,775
FTE	2.5	2.9	3.0
Sewer	868,764	1,654,415	1,497,383
FTE	2.5	2.8	3.0
Systems Development	1.0	98,827.0	98,826.0
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Street	278,334	994,854	938,829
FTE	1.5	1.5	1.5
Library	113,395	192,000	237,250
FTE	1.5	1.9	1.9
Ranger Station	20,904	38,350	88,450
FTE	0.1	0.1	0.1
Downtown Development	0	36,790	36,653
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fire	112,675	278,208	259,922
FTE (Volunteers)	0.8	0.8	0.8
Ambulance	117,977	272,885	292,621
FTE (Volunteers)	0.8	1.0	1.0
Total Requirements	2,813,172	8,335,198	7,780,337

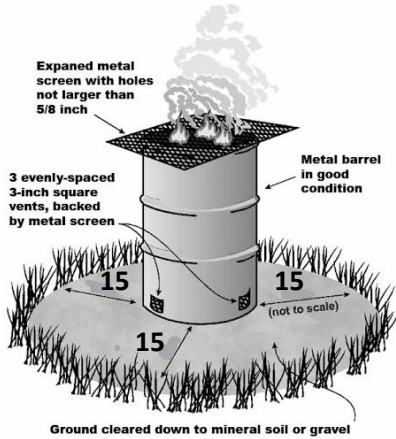
Ordinance Education Corner...

We continue to sell many burn permits, and so we want to remind citizens of a few requirements for your burn barrel.

- 1. Only clean and not colored paper, dry limbs or twigs may be burned. No other material, including but not limited to, garbage, tires, colored paper, cardboard, lumber , furniture, plastics, magazines, and diapers.
- 2. There shall be a 15 ft safety area around the container
- 3. A well fitting heavy gauge screen not to exceed 3/4” mesh
- 4. Burning shall be limited to the hours from dawn to dusk, the fire shall be completely extinguished by dusk.

Requirements open burning.

- 1. Only yard debris, such as dry limbs, shrubbery, dry leaves. Excludes any such materials that are wet, grass clippings, or green slow burning materials. No garbage, tires, cardboard, furniture, plastics, magazines or diapers to name a few.
- 2. Open burns piles must have a safety area of 25 ft around.
- 3. A responsible person must be present at all times, safety equipment such as garden hoses, shovels, rakes or other items must be present.
- 4. Fire must be extinguished by dusk



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.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



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

~City Council Members ~

Jay Blackburn
Tim Cox
John Farmer

Dick Middleton
John Black
Anita Davis

June 2023 Council Meetings

June 12th

- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

June 26th

- 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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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	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar