

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

May 2020



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

Here we are at May already. This past month it seemed at times that the world stood still while many of us were having to work from our homes/property and practice social distancing. I am ready for a time we are free to get out, visit with our neighbors, and have barbeques with our friends and not worry so much about COVID-19. I have been able to talk to some of our local businesses and there is nothing to sugar coat. Many of our local businesses are suffering from this economic downturn, but I have observed they are fighting hard to be ready to continue the great services our community has valued. Please support your local business as you can during this time.

During this time, the council has been able to maintain our meeting schedule by providing their meetings via Facebook live so the public has an opportunity to observe and be informed on the work your elected leaders continue. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view our live feeds, only to comment, which is a requirement to identify yourself when addressing the public even at our normal meetings. You may find our feeds on our Facebook page using this link: www.facebook.com/cityofunion.ontheweb/

Some of the happenings since our last newsletter:

City Hall has remained closed during this pandemic, but we continue working in the background and seeing the public by appointment. We will be opening our lobby back up on May 4, 2020 for normal business hour. We still ask that you use our drop box for bills and please do not come in if you have been feeling ill within the past 72 hours (fever, cough, temperature, etc). Upon opening our doors to the public as part of the "Open Up America Again" protocol we must maintain a log of all visitors to our facilities and personal contacts. Please do not take offense when employees are documenting the date of your contact with them. This is something many employers will be doing to comply with phase 1 requirements of the Federal, State and County plans for opening our economy. This is really a safety measure and complies with contact tracing policy requirements. Additionally if you must meet in a face to face setting with our employees at City Hall or offices at our other facilities, visitors will be required to ask some simple health related questions regarding your respiratory status and have your temperature scanned prior to the meeting. We thank you for your understanding and please be patient as this is another temporary hurdle to cross as we begin opening our business back to the public. Social distancing measures of 6 feet will continue.

Council has approved to allocate \$40,000 for emergency business funding for local businesses. We are in the process of building out the criteria for this loan, possibly forgivable for our local businesses, and will get applications and notifications to our businesses when we have everything in place. We are hoping to have this in place and begin taking applications within the next couple weeks, please watch our Facebook page or website for announcements and further information on this. Direction from City Council are to produce small micro awards from a minimum of \$1,000 - \$3,000.

As far as our Public Works Department, they have begun working on some of the potholes as time has allowed. Please call them in so we can add them to our growing list. Most of our work this past month has been reactionary and with the movement towards opening we will begin getting out and working on preventive maintenance issues again.

Remember, for an appointment, please call 541-562-5197 or for any emergent after hours call please call 541-910-9111.

Thank you again for your patience and I am looking forward to getting to visit with our community and seeing people out and about on the streets this summer.

Stay safe.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Continued evaluation of COVID-19 and it's effect on the City
- ⇒ Welcome of a new City Councilor ~ Terra Richter
- ⇒ Reviewing of the City Charter
- ⇒ ATV Ordinance ~ to become current with state statutes
- ⇒ Budget for fiscal year 20-21

The Mayor and City Council thanks you for your understanding and support during this past month and a half. As the city and businesses hope to open back up they urge you to be aware, practice social distancing to stay safe and healthy.

Flushable?

Are flushable wipes truly sewer safe? What about other paper products such as paper towels or tissues? If you were to ask, the majority of plumbers and sewer operators would tell you that NO Absolutely, Positively NOT! The only thing that should ever go down your toilet is liquid and solid waste from your body and toilet paper. Because the fibers in wipes, paper towels and even tissues take so much longer to break down they end up mixing with other particles in your system and can quickly begin to build up potentially causing a back up in your home. In some cases they may make it all the way out to your main sewer line, but then cause damage to the entire sanitation system by making massive clogs in main lines, in the pumps, and machines at treatment plants.

Therefore, if it isn't toilet paper...it doesn't belong in the toilet! Anything else should be disposed of in the trash! Don't take the risk and end up with raw sewage backing up into your home and the potential enormous costs of repairs.



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Watch for NEW UNION Office to open early May!

Walt Brookshire will be joining Candy Bowman to assist you with your Real Estate needs.

View listings at oregontrailrealty.com

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Notice of Cancellation

The annual Alumni Breakfast on Memorial Weekend has been

local BIZ Union Market

Mike & Becky Colkitt, the owners of Union Market provides great prices, friendly atmosphere, and weekly sales flyers.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Market has made remarkable efforts to support our community by: social distancing floor stickers, using wipes/ sanitizers to clean cart handles, cooler/freezer door handles, counter tops and pens as much as possible.

If customers choose to use reusable bags, the customer must unload and fill or we are offering plastic bags at no charge.

Our recycling machines are OPEN but limiting people to run 144 cans per day and no "hand counts" are being done at this time.

We are encouraging our senior citizens to do their shopping between 7 - 8am and again at 7 - 8pm, when it is usually a little quieter.

For more information about Union Market and recent sale flyers go to: <http://www.unionmarketoregon.com/> or <https://www.mainstreetunion.org/p/goal.html>.

Reminder:

If you have outdoor projects that require digging, you must first call before you dig! Call 811 to request local utilities to locate and mark all service lines.

It’s the Law. And it’s FREE!

Building projects? Don’t forget to come to City Hall to get a Pre-Build permit. Pre-Build permits are \$25.00 and are required in order to obtain further building

ROYAL ROCK

541-963-6433

3/4” minus

Landscape Rock

1 1/2” minus

4” minus

Decorative Boulders

Located between Union & Cove 59679 Hwy 237

“It’s not just rock, it’s ROYAL ROCK”

It’s That Time Of Year....

Weed enforcement will be in full force in Union in the weeks to come. Now is the time to get that tall grass and those noxious weeds under control! Noxious weeds must be eliminated to prevent spreading. While there are 28 species of noxious weeds on the Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management list, here are a few of the most detrimental to our area: Puncture Vine, Knapweed, Whitetop and Thistle. You can check out A Field Guide to Eastern Oregon’s Noxious Weeds from the Union Library for help identifying all noxious weeds.

We want to remind all property owners and tenants that it is your responsibility to keep your grass cut and not over 10” tall, and to aggressively eliminate noxious weeds.

SENIOR MEALS

At this time when it is so important for our seniors to stay home and stay healthy, Senior Meals will be delivering meals. If you would like a meal delivered please call Gracie at 541-562-5675, leave your name, phone number and address.

You must call by 5:00pm the day prior to delivery.

Meals will be delivered between 1:00pm & 2:00pm A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

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 Tues of the month	City Hall	5:30 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
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	3rd Tues of month / every third month	Health Clinic	5:00 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