

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

May 2022



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

What has happened to April? Projects are getting underway with the large water project and public works has been busy getting new services in. The Ranger Station first building project is so near completion that Council is biting at the bit to have it up and going.

MAY 14, 2022, CITY WIDE CLEANUP. A little different this year as we will be setting up at the recycling center as usual, but we will be taking whatever you haul in with exception to hazard materials and general household trash. Bring your large items, couches, chairs, exercise equipment, metal, refrigerators, appliances, wood and the sort, and yes, we will be taking a limited amount of tires, not on rims. If you have questions, please call City Hall and we will find the answer for you. Again, **CITY WIDE CLEANUP, May 14, 2022.**

Budget committee meeting were completed on April 27, 2022, for the FY 22-23 budget. Final budget with changes and recommendations from the budget committee came to a little over 8.3 million for this next fiscal year. Yes that seems like a lot for our small city, but keep in mind about 2.5 million comes from grants received from the State.

Please come take a look at the budget and bring your comments to the regular council meeting on June 13, 2022, for comments, should you have any. As always you may call my office and I will be glad to go over it with you. There are quite a few large projects going on this coming year.

The library will begin the summer reading program in the next few weeks. Something new this summer coming to the library will be a few free movies in the park, keep a look out for it and come join with the family if you can.

As school gets out at the end of the month, please watch for the kids and bicyclists running around and with the better weather approaching they will be around. Looking forward to the Eastern Oregon Stock Show next month and we hope you all get a chance to come.

Be safe.



Clean-Up Day! May 14th City of Union Residents Only

10:00am ~ 2:00pm

410 Treatment Plant Road

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Yard debris

Household items (appliances, furniture, mattresses etc)

Electronics

Tires without rims ~ limited space, once box is full no more will be accepted

Metal

NOT ACCEPTED:

Household garbage

Hazardous waste (paints, chemicals etc)

Shingles

Ashes

Batteries



City employees will be checking residency and will be available to assist you.

City of Union
Main Street*PO Box 529***Union,**
ing Water Report 2021 Sampling Re

This is our **annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** on your drinking water system. The most recently required sampling results have been gathered to inform customers about their tap water. With this information, we hope you will learn more about your water and will help protect the water for future use.

We provide quality drinking water that meets all federal and state requirements.

During recent years we have sampled for many different chemicals. Contamination is anything other than pure water. We sample total coliform bacteria as an indicator of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and other small creatures) that should not be present. **The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past calendar year or in our most recent tests as noted.** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling **541-562-5197** or **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).**

EPA's website is www.epa.gov/safewater

Terms and Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. **IDEAL GOAL**

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **HIGHEST LEVEL ALLOWED**

Action Level (**AL**): the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **na**: not applicable **nd**: not detectable at testing limit **ppm**: parts per million or milligrams per liter (1 drop in 1 million gallons) **ppb**: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (1 drop in 1 billion gallons) **pCi/L**: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceedance / Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	0	15 AL	1.3	10-10-19	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3 AL	0.072	10-10-19	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	3.55	2-5-18	No	Natural deposits, orchards, glass & electronic production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.61	6-1-15	No	Naturally occurring
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.02	6-1-15	No	Naturally occurring
Sodium (ppm)	Na	Na	37.9#	6-1-15	No	Naturally occurring
Nickel (ppl)	Na	100	0.56	6-1-15	No	Naturally occurring
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	Na	80	0.99	9-13-21	No	Disinfection byproduct
Combined Radium (226/228)	0	30	0.8	6-7-21	No	Naturally occurring

WE HAD NO VIOLATIONS!

#Sodium: There is no standard for sodium in drinking water at the federal level, but USEPA recommends that drinking water sodium be held to 20 ppm or less because sodium is so common in other beverages and food.

The Drinking Water Program has identified criteria for determining whether a community public water system has provided safe water to the public and should be considered to have **“Outstanding Performance.” The City of Union received this designation in December 2009 and again on September 30th, 2014, and October 15th, 2019!**

The City is committed to supplying their water consumers with a safe and sufficient supply. The City's ground water derived from two deep wells that are trapped into a basalt aquifer. The two wells have the potential to produce four million gallons per day.

The City presents this report to inform their water consumers of the quality of the drinking water supply.

Cross Connection Testing!!

Now is the time to be testing your cross connections.
The following are Cross Connection example that need yearly inspection.....

- ◆ Wash basins and service sinks
- ◆ Hose bibs
- ◆ Irrigation or lawn sprinkler systems
- ◆ Swimming pools and spas
- ◆ Solar heat systems
- ◆ Fire sprinkler systems
- ◆ Auxiliary water supplies (wells)
- ◆ Photo developing equipment
- ◆ Laboratory equipment
- ◆ Attachment to hoses to apply weed killer or fertilizer or to flush anti-freeze
- ◆ Food and beverage processing equipment
- ◆ Boilers
- ◆ Chemical feed equipment
- ◆ Ornamental fountains

The City’s drinking water system can become unsafe whenever backflow occurs, and the plumbing system comes in contact with harmful or objectionable substances.

The Oregon Department of Human Services requires that all backflow assemblies be tested once each year by a certified tester. If you have one of the above cross-connections please send your test results to the City of Union Water Department. Your test results can be dropped off at city hall, mailed, or emailed. If it is determined that you have not completed the test or failed to come into compliance, the property water could be shut off.

The City of Union works hard to supply customers with safe clean drinking water. With an understanding of the hazards associated with cross-connection and backflow testing you can help us protect our drinking water.

Union Carnegie Public Library Summer Reading Program

Sign ups start May 23rd
Summer Reading Program starts June 12th and goes through July
This year’s theme is **“Read Off the Beaten Path”**
Come “travel” through 1920’s style adventures in exotic countries.
Some exciting activities coming up include a guided hike at Catherine Creek, EOU climbing wall and Yoga.
Adults are encouraged to join!

A Special Thank You to the following for donation of time, expertise, and prizes:

- Meghan Ballard, freelance environmental educator
- WildWomanFire Apothecary
- Renegade jewelry
- EOU Outdoor Adventure Program
- Peak Lifestyle Studio
- Friends of The Carnegie Library
- Nancy Dahlstrom
- The Ida C. Fund



****The library is in need of hard bodied dolls (barbie doll types) in any condition for the summer reading program.**



Don’t Forget Adult Craft Night at The Library!
Every 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00pm
Supplies are always provided, just come and have fun!

Alumni / Community Breakfast

Sunday, May 29th
S.E. Miller School Cafeteria
7:30am ~ 10:30am

We look forward to seeing all who come and join us for a morning of good food, conversation, fun, friends and catching up on the progress of the school project and building tour.

See You There!!

Farmers Market Every Last Friday of Every Month Catherine Creek Community Center



Local Artists, Crafters, Farmers, Musicians, and Small Businesses & Classes
5:00pm ~ 8:00pm

~Vendor Spaces Available~

May 27th ~ come listen to the Wasteland Kings!!

Catherine Creek Community Center Youth Group Auction

Mother’s Day Basket Raffle

To raise money for shirts and supplies for our summer Country Carnival

Basket Includes:

- * Mother’s Glass
- * Mother’s Day Tumbler
- * Chocolate
- * Sparkling Blush Juice
- * Fruit Snack Bars
- * Spa Essentials
- * Jewelry
- * Gift Certificate for free admission to paint night
- * Candle
- * And more!



Tickets are \$2.00 for one or \$9.00 for five
Tickets are due at youth group Thursday, May 5th at 6:00pm. There will be a live drawing on Facebook at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 5th. Arrangements for basket to be picked up can be made by raffle winner.

We will accept Cash or Check ~ check is to be made out to Catherine Creek Community Center, please note in the memo ‘youth group raffle’

If you have any questions feel free to call 541-562-2038 or email natasha@catherinecreekcommunitycenter.com or find us on Facebook ~ Catherine Creek Community Center.

Thank you for supporting our local youth group!

Ordinance Education Corner....

We are fortunate to live in a small rural town that allows the keeping of animals that are beyond just a dog or cat. But there are certain criteria a property must hold to have that privilege and providing that such animals are not allowed to run at large.

For each ‘animal unit’ it is required that there be 10,000 square feet of open property. Open property is the total area of your property less any square footage of all area that is not used by the animal unit, such as your house, garage, patio or storage shed for example. You can find this information at union-county.org under property search. Put in the street/union and you will be able to find your property address and click on it and you will find all the information you need.

What do we mean by ‘animal unit’? Here is the guidelines stated by city ordinance 558. For every 10,000 square feet of open property:

- ** One horse or cow
- ** Five sheep or goats
- ** Twenty-four fowl or rabbits
- ** Except that any nursing horse or cow up to 200 days of age, or sheep or goats up to 100 days of age shall not be considered in the calculating of animal unit requirements.

This is also not to say that if you have the area required that you wouldn’t be able to mix it up a bit. For example: if your property has a total of 8300 square feet of open property you could have 5 rabbits and 12 chickens.

If you need help figuring out how many animal units you are allowed on your property feel free to call us here at city hall and we have a way to calculate that information.

Upcoming Events!

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show!
June 6th ~ 12th “Cowboy Boots & Bucking Chutes”

Grassroots Festival & Car Show!
August 13th

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ranger Station project
- ⇒ EMS / Rural Merge
- ⇒ Wastewater Influent Screen
- ⇒ Buffalo Flats Project
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~City Council Members ~

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



May Council Meetings

- May 9th
- Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- May 23rd
- 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 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	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	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	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar