

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

November 2021



From The Desk Of
Doug Wiggins
City Administrator

It is hard to believe November is here as October continued to be a whirlwind for the City. Council and administration finished and submitted for the \$2.2 million grant through Business Oregon Community Block Grant Program. We anticipate hearing about the grant sometime within the next month.

Other happenings, at the Ranger Station drywall installation, mudding and texturing finished up. Interior painting will take place in the next couple weeks, followed by finish trim and flooring. It is getting exciting to see this project come along the way it has and nearing completion.

City employees continue to prep for winter and buttoning up some of our open projects. Additionally, we would like to welcome Dianna Arena to the City of Union as our new Ordinance Enforcement officer. Dianna has been here just a couple of weeks now and already is beginning to catch up on issues that fell through the cracks since our last officer left.

On the subject of a new employees, we also welcome Tiffany Derichsweiler to the City of Union as Librarian Lead in training. Tiffany is looking forward to meeting everyone, knowing she has some big shoes to fill. Tiffany has many ideas for the library and looking forward to continuing our strong kid's program and add programs to reach more of our citizenry over the next year. Please stop in to have a chat with Tiffany as she looks forward to meeting and learning your expectations of the library.

On that note, Louise Shelden (18-year City employee) is retiring from the library. It is not often you find such a great employee that both began and finalized their career with the same City. Louise has provided many great memories for the City of Union and its Citizens by providing such a warm environment for her patrons. Louise has been able to roll with the shifting changes of the library since her career began and created a kid's summer reading program, I believe it is second to none. The kid's program has such a strong foundation her impression has been imbedded within. The City of Union is both a happy and sad, happy for the career and excellent service Louise provided; yet, sad to see it end and wish her well for the retirement she has earned and deserves. Louise's last day will be November 30, 2021, I encourage all to meet with her and maybe share a story or two before she leaves. The Friend's of the Library group is planning a community send off for Louise, please look for that time and date to be posted soon.

Congratulations LOUSIE SHELDEN – 18 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Union.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday season.



WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FROM

THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR,

CITY EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS



**Veteran's
Day**

**November
11th**

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all those who have served, and are serving today, to protect our freedoms.

Thank You!

Snow?...

No snow yet! But it will come sooner than we think! The city's Public Works crew has been busy preparing for winter and snow by getting equipment ready for sanding and plowing.

Just a reminder: The City's Public Works Department will not initiate snow removal operations until 4" of wet heavy snow, 4" of dry blowing snow, or 6" of dry powder snow accumulates on open ground.

Snow removal will be conducted along streets according to their priority in facilitating the movement of emergency vehicles and personnel, school busses and traffic.

For a copy of the City of Union's Snow Removal Policy you can request one be emailed to you by calling or emailing City Hall, or you can pick up a copy at City Hall.

But let's all hope Old Man Winter stays away as long as possible!!

City Hall Phone: 541-562-5197

Email: lauradodds@cityofunion.com

Union Carnegie Public Library

Monday ~ Thursday
10:00am ~ 5:00pm
Friday
10:00am ~ 4:00pm
Closed on Saturday
Storytime Tuesday 10:00am

Stop in and meet
Tiffany and wish
Louise a Happy
Retirement!



Notice:

In the months to come we will be facing freezing temperatures, winds, and snow. With those conditions there is always a possibility of frozen meters and waterlines.

In case of such emergencies we may need to reach you!

We have recently found that many of the phone numbers we have are no longer in service. Meaning we have no way to contact our customers when an emergency occurs.

Please contact City Hall to either verify your numbers are correct or to give us any new information we may need for our records.

Call 541~562~5197
Or email lauradodds@cityofunion.com
kristagriffiths@cityofunion.com

November 7th,

Don't forget...this is also the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Do a good vacuum job at this time too! Never use cleaning sprays or solvents that can enter the unit that might destroy sensors.

General rule is....if your detector(s) are 10 years old or older, it is time to replace them.



Don't Procrastinate!

- ◆ If you haven't had your chimney cleaned...now is the time
- ◆ Make your house more energy efficient by adding insulation where needed, caulking around windows and doors, install storm windows and replace the door sweep under doors to prevent drafts
- ◆ Have your furnace serviced, check filters and change filters if needed.
- ◆ Insulate water pipes under house, crawl space or any pipes that could freeze. Even a little bit of ice can cause pressure and cause breakage
- ◆ Remove hoses from outside faucets and insulate with foam covers
- ◆ Check frost free hydrants for possible leaks, and repair. We have more broken frost free hydrants freeze than house pipes. Frost free hydrants are not frost free if they are leaking or are not buried deep enough.

Anything you can do now to prepare can ward off costly repairs in the future.

Do you want to be more involved in your community? Do you like being a part of a great team, who makes a difference in the community? Do you like learning new things?

You could be exactly what the city and rural fire department needs!



You will receive the needed training, equipment, and support that you may need to become a member of a great team of professionals who provide excellent fire protection for both city and rural areas.

If you would like to be a volunteer and would like an application or more information, stop by, call or email City hall today!

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Waste Water Treatment Plants are designed to handle human waste and tissue paper. The equipment and machinery becomes clogged and inoperable when other items are flushed. We have been experiencing an alarming number of clogs due to rags, wipes (even those that state they are "flushable" are not!).

Other items that are not listed that should never go down the toilet....

- * Medications & Sharps
- * Plastics of any kind
- * Grease, fats, oils
- * Garden pesticides, fertilizers
- * Paint, varnish, paint remover
- * Motor oil, grease, gasoline

Not on city sewer?....these items should never go into your septic either!



It's a TOILET, not a trash can!

Use the **trash can** for:



- paper towels
- cleaning wipes
- facial wipes
- baby wipes
- diapers
- feminine products

If it doesn't come off the roll, don't throw it in the bowl.



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.

City Hall Hours

Monday ~ Thursday

10:00am ~ 5:00pm

Closed Friday's ~
or by appointment

For questions regarding your
utility bill call us at 541-562-5197



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

⇒ CDBG Grant

⇒ New state legislations pertaining to planning laws and homeless.

⇒ Ranger Station project

⇒ Weed Ordinance

⇒ Continued COVID updates

City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins
Tim Cox
John Farmer
Mayor Leonard Flint

Leslie McMillan
Terra Richter
Heidi Denton

November Council Meetings

November 8th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

November 22nd

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

All meetings are held in the Leonard
Almquist Chambers at City Hall.

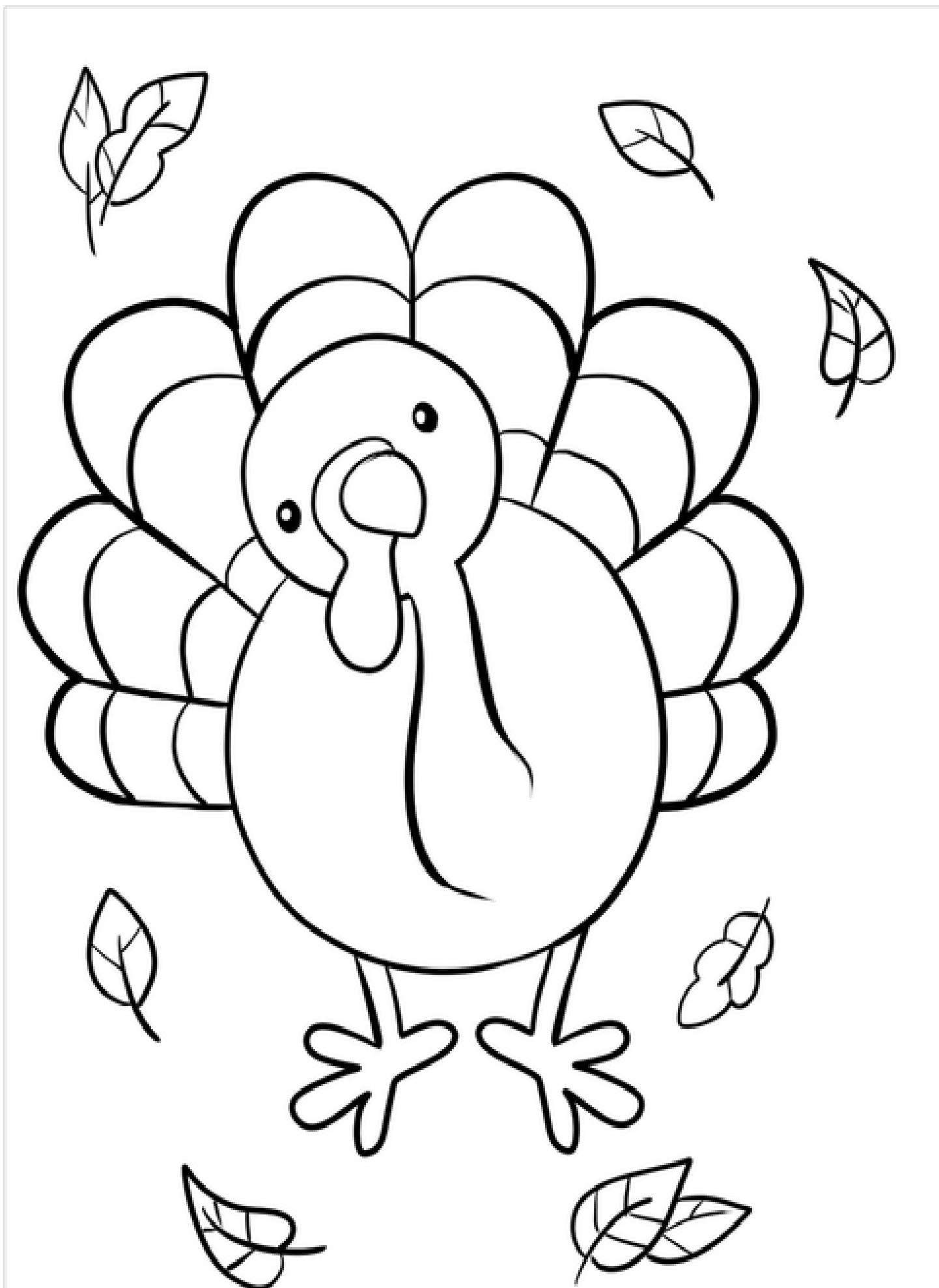
Masks are required when attending meetings.

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

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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	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 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



Name: _____

Age: _____ Parents Phone # _____

Return to the Library or to City Hall by November 22nd