

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

November 2022



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

November is amongst us, and the weather is turning. You always know the cold is coming when we wake up in dark and come home from work in the dark. While the moisture has been much needed, the cooler weather begins to remind you that soon jack frost will be here.

I decided to change up the newsletter a little bit this month and rather than give you the spiel of everything going on here at the city, which has been quite a bit as compared to years past, but to let everyone know how appreciative and thankful the city is for many of the other activities going on in Union.

Most may not know, but we are getting a very active Main Street Union group. This effort has been something in the works since I came here nearly 5 years ago. It is good to see something taking off with the enthusiasm it has over the past year and a half. In case you do not know who or what Main Street is, it is a group of citizens, generally from within the business community here in town, working to bring life and awareness to our downtown. While, yes in its infancy, this group has been donating many hours to their cause and it has not gone unnoticed. This summer they placed the planters up and down the Street, they have assembled a parks committee to bring life to our beautiful park, painted the playground equipment at the park, cleaned the park during our annual cleanup day, assembled an economic vitality committee to work at fixing the blight on our old vacant buildings and trying to bring them back into shape to be ready for business and are the group is working at assembling their own newsletter to compliment ours. Be sure to thank them for their volunteerism to the betterment of our community.

Next is the Catherine Creek Community Center. This is a great group of people that had a vision for Union, chased that vision, and are making something of it. They host our senior meal program, have many youth and adult activities throughout the month, host venues for music, weddings and the like, house non-profit meetings at their facility, have a computer lab, free internet access, and work in partnership with our library. This vision led by a great board is coming to fruition and was entirely supported through the community in establishing the funding to make it happen. It is going to be fun watching this place grow over the next few years.

CUP (Cove, Union, Powder medical association), this group owns the clinic along with some other property here in Union and continue working to bring much needed essential medical and health services to the three communities. Union being centrally located for the three communities tends to house most of its activities. They are currently working at getting a survey out to their respective communities about the addition of physical therapy, pharmacy, chiropractic, and massage services in a centralized location. Without this groups hard work our clinic could not function as it does now in bringing GRH and Dental Services to our community.

The Union (City) Chamber. This group is running stronger than ever and brings your annual fireworks show, grassroots celebration and Christmas parade to you every year to name a few. They support many activities in the City of Union and offer limited financial support to businesses and entities through a shared program with the City of Union to improve Union economic development and tourism. The city enjoys this limited partnership with the Union Chamber and hopes to see its programs grow as our city does.

While I am limited in space, there are so many other contributors to the goings in our small city and I wish not to dis anyone for not mentioning them as everyone's role is important to our small community. I am only trying to encourage everyone to reach out and thank all volunteers and associations for their dedication to our community and its vitality. I wish I had pages of space to give here, but I tried to highlight those that the city has worked with the most over the past year to make our community strong and more vibrant.

Be thankful this month and stay warm.

City of Union Town Hall Meeting

Please join us to discuss the City & Rural Fire/EMS merger.

Location: Catherine Creek Community Center

667 N. Main Street ~ Union OR

Monday, November 28th ~ 6:00pm

See You There!

Catherine Creek Community Center
HOLIDAY BAZAARSCHEDULE



Friday, Oct 28th 5– 8pm

Friday, Nov 18th 5-8pm

Saturday, Dec 3rd 12-5pm

Music by Blue Mountain Fiddlers
ARTS - CRAFTS - JEWELRY - FOOD
FRESH FARM PRODUCE
FROZEN ALASKA FISH

667 Main St. Union, Oregon

CccCenter667@gmail.com

Vendor Spaces Available



Union Public Carnegie Library

November story times (Tuesdays, 10:00)

- 1st No bake cookies
- 8th Red poppy craft
- 15th Salt painting
- 22nd Balloon turkey shoot
- 29th Paper planes



Adult Craft Night 11/14/21 5:00
Gingerbread ornaments

Congratulations to the winners of our Halloween giveaway!
Tanya Amorosino, Kara Baxter, Erin Summerour, Rachel Weber,
Serendipity Vintage Co, Kasey Bliesner.

Catherine Creek
Community Center
November 2022
Events

Preschool Playgroup

Ages 3-5

1st & 3rd Thursday 9am-11am -
Dates: 11/3 & 11/17

2nd & 4th Friday 9am-11am-
Dates: 11/11 No Group the 25th

Community Meals

2nd Friday- Date: 11/11

Food to be served at 12:00 pm
Music from the Blue Mountaineers to
Follow at 12:30

Food Pantry

3rd Friday- Date: 11/18 at 10 am

Youth Group

Grades 3rd-8th

Every Thursday except the 24th
4pm-6pm

Last Fridays (Unions Farmers
Market)

Last Friday of every Month

Happy Thanksgiving!

*From the Mayor,
City Council,
City Administrator,
City Employees, and
Volunteers*



From left to right: Mark Lewis, Amos Lewis, Noah Platz, Linda Bond (museum representative) Photo taken by Yan Lewis

A little more than a year ago Amos asked the Union County Museum if they had anything in mind that he could do for his Eagle Scout Project. And they said that he could make a bench that would be easy to move. The bench was built with wheels to make the bench easy to move.

As of August 16th, that bench is now in the museum for people to use and enjoy.

Community Strong!

How can we help keep our community strong? By working together to spend our dollars locally with those who live and operate businesses in our community, we support them, they stay in business, it ensures employment and a stronger economy.



With the holidays fast approaching, spending your

It is estimated that dollars spent in a locally owned business is spent 6-12 times over in other local businesses before it leaves that community!!

Together, we can keep our community strong!!

Caution...Freezing Weather Ahead!...

We cannot express enough the importance of winterizing now! It's already getting colder and colder and soon we will be experiencing those freezing winter temperatures.

Now is the time! If you haven't already started preparing for winter, now is the time!

Remove and drain hoses from outside faucets (including frost free hydrants) and insulate faucets. Wrap under house pipes with insulation. Do you have a well with a pump? Pull and drain pump for winter.

Check to see if you can see daylight around doors and windows, if so, replace door sealing strip.

Do you have a woodstove or fireplace? Call a professional chimney sweep to clean the flue, this will greatly help prevent flue fires!

All these preventative measures, done now, could save you costly repairs and even loss.

Old Man Winter Is Coming!

Prepare Now!



Remember our Veterans and to say Thank You...

Veterans Day is November 11th



Take a few moments this Veterans Day to make a Veteran know how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice. Ask them about their time served, and truly listen. Buy them a cup of coffee, or better yet, a meal. Write a letter or send a care package to someone currently serving. Buy a 'Buddy Poppy' and wear it proudly. Hang a flag. But most important...never forget them.

How to avoid those fees.....

Don't forget, your utility bill is always due by the 15th of the month. Accounts with a balance of \$50.00 or more will receive a late fee of \$15.00, which is applied on the next working day after the due date.

If your utility bill is still unpaid by the last working day of the month (not including Friday) you will receive a late notice and a \$20.00 fee for delivering the notice. If your utility bill continues to be unpaid by the date listed on your late notice your services will be shut off, a \$35.00 fee, and you will be required to pay your account in full to have services restored.

These fees can really add up, and in today's economy it pays in the long run to avoid them.

ELECTION DAY! NOVEMBER 8TH!

GET YOUR BALLOTS IN TODAY!

THERE IS A BALLOT DROP BOX AT CITY HALL, IN THE FOYER, NEXT TO THE PAYMENT BOX. THE BALLOT BOX IS THE WHITE BOX CLOSEST TO THE SIDEWALK....DROP YOURS OFF TODAY!!

Ordinance Education Corner...

Ordinance No. 533

This ordinance prohibits the feeding of deer, raccoon, wild turkeys and all potentially habituated wildlife within the city limits of Union.

Whereas feeding deer, raccoon, wild turkeys, and other potentially habituated wildlife frequently results in damage to landscaping, consumption of private landscaping, fences and other structures, and sometimes resulting in personal injuries to persons and companion animals.

A person who knowingly places, deposits, stores or scatters food, garbage, or any other attractant so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement of these animals may be issued a citation. Any violation may be considered a nuisance and in punishable each day the nuisance is maintained and each shall constitute a separate offense.

****Feeding of wildlife often causes diseases and aggressive behavior between animals and towards people.**

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics
Include:



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

~City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins

Tim Cox

John Farmer

Mayor Leonard Flint

Leslie McMillan

Terra Richter

Heidi Denton

November Council Meetings

November 14th
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

November 28th
Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

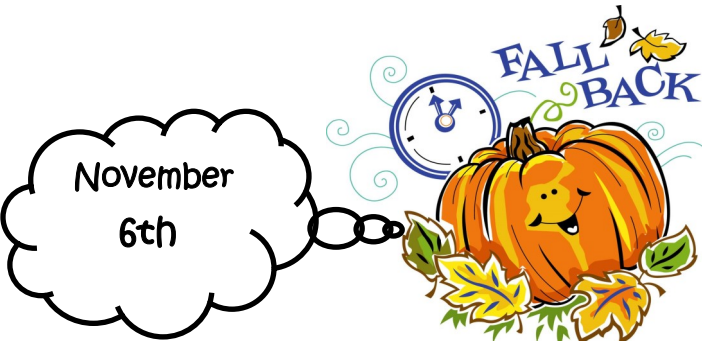
All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall.

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 Wednesdaynight	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar