

City of Union News Letter

"Promote rural values, protect local assets and foster community pride"

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CITY HALL HOURS: Monday thru Thursday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Open during lunch

Union Carnegie Public Library
Mon 10:30am - 6:00pm Thurs 1:00pm - 6:00pm
Tue 10:00am - 5:30pm Fri 9:00am - 3:30pm
Wed 4:00pm - 8:00pm

April 2014

Happy Spring

Open House Comments Needed!

Comments will be taken on April 16th, 2014 at 4:30 pm ~ 5:30 pm, Union City Hall 342 S. Main Street in Union Oregon, on the draft Transportation System Plan, amendment of goal 12 and amendment to local zoning regulations. The plan provides transportation choices for residents, employees and visitors and makes it more convenient to walk or bicycle and to drive less to meet our daily needs.

Come review the proposed draft plans and see what property will be affected. Public comment is important to the final document, City Council encourages you to participate in this upcoming open house.

Later in the evening, at 6 pm, Union City Council and Union Planning Commission will hold a joint work session to review the proposed draft Transportation System Plan, amendment to goal 12 and amendment to local zoning regulations. A public hearing will be held the first part of June.

Upcoming Planning Commission Hearing

Union City Planning Commission will meet in the Almquist Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 16th, 2014, beginning at 7 pm for a public hearing to consider an application for a conditional use request to allow a 30 foot high communications tower on Mike Colkt's property located near the fence line on the east end of 915 E. Fulton Union, Oregon. This is near three other communication tower structures. The Planning Commission will determine whether the proposed public utility facility complies with the review criteria of the local zoning ordinance.

More information can be reviewed or purchased at city hall.

City Budget Meeting

April 21, 2014 at 7 pm
Union City Hall ~ 342 S. Main

Union City Budget Committee will meet to receive the budget message and receive public comment on the budget. A copy of the budget will be ready for review by April 16th at 3 pm. any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the committee

For more information contact city hall.

Spring Clean Up Day!

Community Clean Up

May 17, 2014

9am ~ 2pm

910 Treatment Plant Rd

End of west Arch Street at the Transfer Station

At no cost to Union Residents only.

Clean leaves, grass and branches

One load per household

Got stuff but no way to haul it? Call city hall and put your name on a list for pick up.



Children In The Garden

Kids love to play in the dirt, and love to garden! Gardening helps children grow into responsible adults. Have short handled gardening tools, a small watering can and a small wheelbarrow to equip children for their gardening experience. Give a child his or her own garden plot, it is important to start out small. A

simple alternative to a garden plot is to garden in containers, anywhere there is sun. Keep it simple, suggested vegetables/flowers for young gardeners are beans, carrots, radishes, beets, and sunflowers. Plant a vine type flower around the sunflowers and watch the vine climb the stalks.

To ward off boredom, have children start their seeds indoors, children can start seedlings in recyclable containers such as cardboard egg cartons. If even faster results are desired buy seedlings.

Gardening is handed down from one generation to another, most of us learned from our parents and/or grandparents. Start a valuable tradition with your children today, and start instilling a life long interest in gardening and the outdoors.



April 16th



Little League Opening Day!
Here in Union!

Quote of the Month.....



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.....

~ Anne Bradstreet



The Mayor's Corner,

Hi, my name is Bill Lindsley and I have been Mayor for the last 5 years of Union.

I would like to share with you some of the things that I have been working on during my time as Mayor along with the City Council.

Last year, with the permission of the City Council of Union, I requested that the County give City of Union back 25% of the tax dollars that were collected from our residents in the form of property taxes. For the purpose of repairing the city's infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, etc. If the County returned 25% of the total property tax to the communities the funds could be used for badly needed infrastructure projects. The residents of these communities who contribute greatly to the economic well being of the County Seat. The following shows what those numbers would look like.

<u>City</u>	<u>Tax paid</u>	<u>25%</u>
Elgin	\$158,812	\$39,703
Summerville	\$16,439	\$4,109
Cove	\$97,634	\$24,408
North Powder	\$49,281	\$12,320
Imbler	\$46,617	\$11,654
Union	<u>\$236,169</u>	<u>\$59,042</u>
	Total	\$147,127

I based this request on the working agreements that Union County has with the City of La Grande. Here are some of those working agreements; the use of the jail annex building \$56,427, which is a savings to La Grande of \$150,000 per year. This is based on what La Grande city administration said when La Grande Chief of Police wanted a new building. The city of La Grande receives about \$175,000 in building permit fees from Union County residents which enables the City to pass on operating costs of the building department and saves the city of La Grande at least \$100,000 per year that otherwise would be passed on to their residents in the form of building permit fees to service their own city needs.

The city of La Grande contracts with the County for animal control services for \$25,000 per year. The city of Union contracts with the County for animal control services for \$9,237. If they are like services the city of La Grande is six times in population so they should pay 6 times what the city of Union pays and that would be \$55,422, which is a \$30,422 savings for La Grande.

The County contracts with La Grande for 911 services in the amount of \$427,702, fy 2012-2013. Union County contracts with La Grande for non 911 dispatch services, jail control door openings other than 8-5 Monday thru Friday, and for case file work. The fy 2012-2013 contract amount for those services is \$127,216. Further more, the city of Union pays Union County Sheriff's Department during fy 2012-2013, \$76,518 for 132 hours per month of law enforcement. This is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a deputy per month.

These are just a few of the benefited comparisons I've been able to easily find. This isn't a bash against La Grande, and I agree the County should save when and where they can. All we're saying is there are many underutilized resources available which could benefit many more people and communities. I believe that the goal of Union County Commissioners should be to make sure they work with all incorporated communities equally and if the cost is in reason contract services, build operating facilities in other locations so as to help all fairly.

In the coming months I will discuss with you the following topics:

- Discuss the HHW Steering Committee, who they are, where they live and who they work for.
- Union County Budget Committee, who they are, where they live and who they work for.
- Buffalo Peak Golf Course and Oregon Revised Statutes that regulate Counties.
- How can the city convince Oregon Department of Transportation to straighten Pyle Canyon out so longer truck can go through creating more commerce for the City of Union.
- When the saw mill here shut down in the 1980's why didn't the County Commissioners put more effort into utilizing the City of Union's 60 plus acres of industrial land.
- What can the City of Union do with the help of the County Commissioners to create employment and more economic growth in the City of Union.
- What can the City of Union and the School Board do, so that the school remains strong and productive along with the city staying economically healthy.

Sincerely,
William C. Lindsley
Mayor of Union

**Veteran of Foreign Wars
High Valley Post 4060**

Saturday April 12, 2014

Breakfast and Yard Sale

Breakfast 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**French Toast
Sausage Links
Scrambled Eggs
Coffee and Juice**



Cost \$6.00

**Yard Sale 8:00 AM to Noon
Donations Welcome
No Clothes Please**

PUBLIC HEARING

Union City Council will hold a public hearing land use Ordinance 534 on May 12, 2014 at 342 S. Main Street Union, Oregon at or shortly after 7 pm. A copy of the all documents and evidence are available for inspection at no cost at the Union City Hall during normal business hours (10 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.). Copies will be provided upon request, at reasonable cost, and mailed if requested. Testimony may be presented orally at the hearing or by written statement presented at or before the hearing. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the applicable criteria or to other criteria in the Zoning Ordinance or Land Use Plan that are believed to apply. Failure to raise any issue with sufficient specificity to afford the City Council and other parties an opportunity to respond to the issue will preclude appeal based on that issue.

If you have questions or need additional information, Sandra Patterson at City Hall 541-562-5197. If you have a disability requiring any special materials, services, or assistance, please contact City Hall at least 48 hours before the hearing. The Council Chambers are handicapped accessible.

CITY OF UNION ORDINANCES ORDINANCE NO. 534

More Information can be found
on-line
www.cityofunion.com

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF UNION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ZONING REGULATIONS AND LAND USE/ZONING MAP

- WHEREAS,** The City of Union has not significantly reviewed or updated its Comprehensive Plan since acknowledgment in 1984; and
- WHEREAS,** Economic and social circumstances and conditions have changed radically since acknowledgment, and therefore the City's economic development strategy is outdated; and
- WHEREAS,** Due to changed economic conditions, revisions in Statute and Administrative Rule, and, consistency with Statewide Planning Goals 9 and 10, an update and review was deemed necessary; and
- WHEREAS,** The City determined to review and update the Goal 9 and 10 elements of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure an adequate supply of land for Industrial, Commercial, Residential and Public use; and
- WHEREAS,** In conjunction with the city of La Grande, the City applied for and received grant funding from the Department of Land Conservation and Development for review and update of the Goal 9 and 10 elements of the Comprehensive Plan in 2007 but in 2009 unforeseen circumstances arose and the adoption of the project products did not proceed; and
- WHEREAS,** The City Council understands the importance of these goals and, in 2012, dedicated additional funds to hire a consultant to finish the project; and
- WHEREAS,** The City formed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which reviewed and commented on the original products and amendments thereto; and
- WHEREAS,** The TAC, City Consultants, City, and Agency Staff held meetings to format, review, change, and prepare the original Housing and Economy Studies for the City of Union; amendments to the City of Union Comprehensive Plan; Land Use/ Zoning Map; Zoning Regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Workshops were conducted to present the draft versions of the stated amendments to the City Planning Commission and City Council and the general public on April 8 and 29th, 2009 for input and final changes; and
- WHEREAS,** The City conducted Planning Commission hearing on October 21, 2009 with recommendations to the City Council;

THEREFORE, THE CITY OF UNION ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. **Findings:** The City of Union adopts plan amendment, zoning map and zoning ordinance amendments based on the findings and facts from Goal 9 Economy Study and Goal 10 Housing Study attached hereto as Exhibit D and E.
- B. **Amendments:**
1. The City of Union's Comprehensive Plan, Goal 9, Goal 10 and Goal 11 elements are hereby repealed and replaced with the attached Exhibit "A".
 2. The City of Union's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Map is hereby amended by the adoption of the attached Exhibit "B".
 3. The City of Union's Implementing Regulations (Zoning Ordinance No. 337) are hereby amended by the adoption of the attached Exhibit "C".

Colored maps are available at City Hall or at city website for your review along with detailed documents.

Special Customer Program

Zeal Weight Management Program

Initial order:

\$169.95

Retail
\$199.⁹⁵

First & following monthly Auto-ships:

\$129.95



SAVE
35%

LOSE WEIGHT!

This promotion will run through April 30, 2014. If you enroll by this date, your price will be locked in as long as you stay on the autoship program. For more info contact: Don 541-480-5892 or Maryann 541-419-3167

Zeal Wellness 1 Canister & 12 bottles

Initial order:

\$79.95

Retail
\$119.⁹³

First & following monthly Auto-ships:

\$59.95



SAVE
50%

FEEL BETTER!

New Store Open – Downtown Union



MONDAY – THURSDAY & SATURDAY 10 – 3

nwm **Heart to Heart**

Come in and take a look! Have a cup of tea or coffee! Sit and visit awhile!

Household Thrift Items/Clothing and Local Crafts

**All clothing is available by donation. Thrift items are very reasonably priced.
Local crafters' items priced as marked.**

**DONATIONS of GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN AND IN WORKING condition are ACCEPTED
Saturdays between 11 and 2pm or call to make other arrangements 541-213-1496**

**Now accepting: practical, useable household items, small kitchen appliances,
clothing, sporting goods, tools, puzzles/games.**

Please no stuffed animals or knick-knacks!

Save the Date, Tickets on sale now!



Just For The Halibut

The 2nd Annual Halibut Dinner in Union, at the High School Gym

Saturday, May 17th, 2014



Three seating's...2 to 4 pm, 4 to 6 pm, and 6 to 8 pm

\$18.00 per Plate (Fresh Baked Halibut, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Pepsi)

\$5.00 for a Hot Dog Plate

****You can also pre-order full pounds of uncooked Halibut for your freezer at \$18.00 a pound****

All proceeds will benefit Union High School, JR High Sports and Clubs, and Booster Projects.

Call to order your tickets.

Call Rose 541-910-5986 or Shannon 541-910-9997

Hope to see you there!



ATTENTION: People having graves in

The UNION VICTORIAN CEMETERY

Annual Spring cleanup will begin April 1.

**Please have your grave decorations
picked up before that date, as
all decorations on unkempt graves
will be discarded.**

Decorations may be replaced after May 1.

Thank You for Your Cooperation

Union Cemetery Board

Phone: 541.562.5212 M-F 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. if you have questions.

Copies of the cemetery maintenance guides are available during office hours.

Or online at:

<http://www.unionoregon.org/business.shtml?Businesses=Service>

What happens when you put human waste and micro-organisms together?

Union's waste water treatment plant operates almost chemically free. The treatment process at our plant uses micro-organisms to eat down the organic matter. The waste is a valuable food source for the organisms which kick starts the fermentation process that goes on for many weeks. These micro-organisms grow and multiply extremely fast. In this natural environment the organisms play an essential role in the conversion of organic waste to a more stable, less polluting substance. Once the organisms have completed their job the remaining liquids are further processed and the water is applied at the golf course or put back into Catherine Creek. The solid material that remains is further processed and dried into rich fertilizer called slugg. The slugg is hauled to a local farmers field where it is spread out.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to advertise your monthly event or activity email cityhall@cityofunion.com or call 541-562-5197.

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Booster Club Meeting		Old Music Room	6:00 pm	
City of Union Chamber	2 nd Thurs of the month	See Nick @ Union Drug	Noon	www.visitunionor.org
City Council	2 nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Cove/Union Medical Assoc	2 nd Tues of the month	Union Health Cntr	6:00 pm	541-562-5441
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:00 pm	
CUP Senior Assisted Living	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays	Union Drug Co.	6:00 pm	541-562-5441
Order of Eastern Star	2 nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1 st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5660
Food Bank	Saturday after 3 rd Monday	Methodist Church	9-11 am	541-562-5675
Food Alliance	Every Monday	Methodist Church	12:30-1 pm	
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tuesday of the month	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Int'l Rainbow for Girls	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-975-9495
Library Board	1 st Wed of the month	Library	3:30 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	1 st Wed of the month	Union Library	5:30 pm	541-562-5685
Municipal Court	1 st Wed/every quarter	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-5197
Planning Commission	3 rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	Methodist Church	12:00 pm	541-562-5675
South County Health Dist	2 nd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:30 pm	
Stockshow Board	2 nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:30 pm	
TOPS	Every Wednesday	Union Health Cntr	8:30 am	541-562-9009
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1 st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035