

City of Union News Letter

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

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

August 2014

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

AUGUST



Street Construction Notice

Upcoming Work in your Neighborhood

The City of Union is issuing the following notice regarding upcoming road closures. Any questions or concerns should be directed to city hall 541-562-5197. Detour routes will be set up, please use caution when following signs. Property owners along these routes will need to park on the nearest side streets. The city apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

When: starts the week of August 11th,

Where: South Third Street between Dearborn and Jefferson Street.

Corner of Oregon and Third Street

West Center Street between Main and Second Street

East Center Street between Main and College Street

North Tenth Street between Arch and bridge

West Birch Street between Main and Second Street

West Chestnut Street between Main and Second Street



ATTENTION

NO BURNING!!

There is NO burning allowed until Oct 1st, or later, if mandated by the state.



What is wrong with this picture?

This boy is not wearing a helmet!

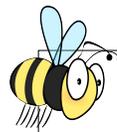
The city's Ordinance Officer is seeking 'like new' youth bike helmets to help local kids.



Donate today!

If you have a 'like new' helmet to donate you could help keep our local boys and girls safe!

Your donation can be brought to City Hall and Hank will see that it goes to a boy or girl in need!



Funds Available

Union's Downtown Revolving Loan Program has funds for Main Street businesses to borrow at no interest for outside building improvements. If your interested and would like an application or need more information contact City Administrator Sandra Patterson at City Hall 541~562~5197

Be Courteous to You Neighbors

Dogs Bark

We all understand that.

And dogs sometimes escape their yard.

We all understand that too.

But if your dog is barking continually, or

running at large, it is not only against

the City's Noise and Nuisance

Ordinance, it causes huge problems

between neighbors!

Be thoughtful and courteous, keep barking dogs quiet and contained.

Everyone will be happier!!



Quote of the Month ~

Happiness is not a possession to be prized, it is a quality of thought, a state of mind

~Daphne duMaurier



Count Down Has Started.....

August 25th is the last day to file for City office

**Call for more information
City Hall 541~562~5197**

Union Grassroots Festival/Free Entertainment for the Whole Family

- 7 am City Wide Yard Sales Maps at Post office and Info Booth in Park
- 7-11 am **VFW Breakfast** in the Park Also Gun Raffle tickets available
- 8-9 am **Legacy Car Show** Check in Main St across from the Post Office
- 9 am **Official Grassroots Opening VFW presenting the Flag/National Anthem at the park**
- 9 am **OPEN** Car Show/Vendors/Rock Climbing Wall/Book and Bake Sale
- 10am to 12 **Baptist Church** band and Worship Team at the Post Office Lot (from Union)
- 11 to 12:15 **Pepsi Stage**/Live Music in the Park/**Ghost Wind** (Folk w/Native Flair) from Boise
- 11 am **Puppet Show** by Friends of the Library (Outside)
- Noon to 4 **Free Kiddy Carnival** in the Park/**George the Balloon Man** (1 to 3)
- 12 to 1 pm Live Music/**Chrome Country** at the Post Office lot (Country) from La Grande
- 12:20 to 1:45 Live Music/**Wastland Kings** (Country Rock) from La Grande
- 2 pm **Duck Races down Catherine Creek** (UHS Senior Class 2015 fundraiser) Buy your duck from a Senior or at the Park the day of the Festival.
- 2 pm-3:15 **Pepsi Stage**/Live Music/**Frogs of the North** (Cajun/Bluegrass) from Boise
- 3:30-5:00 **Pepsi Stage**/Live Music/**To be announced**
- 4 pm **Pie Eating contest** Next to the kiddy Carnival (check in by 3:50) Ribbons
- 4 pm Legacy Car Show/Kiddy Carnival and Most Vendors **Close** (Food Vendors still open)
- 5:30 pm **Lawn Mower Races**/Sign up by 5:15
- 7:30 pm **Family Street Dance for the Whole Family with the Famous DJ Denny** (Bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes)



Saturday, August 9th, 2014



The South County Health District, Currently providing health care services in Union Family Health Center and Elgin Family Health Clinic, Would like to welcome, Jamie Jo Haddock, FNP; known to many in the community as Jamie Jo Cant.

Jamie Jo will be joining our team and begin serving patients in Elgin starting August 4th, 2014. She is a lifelong member of our community and anxious to return after recently graduating from Gonzaga University. As Jamie spent her final semester in our clinics, she is already familiar with many patients and families. Her training and interest is in the full spectrum of family medicine. We are scheduling now for Jamie. You may call either the Elgin Clinic 541-437-6321, or the Union Clinic 541-562-6180 to make an appointment.

We'd also like to introduce our other staff:

Kim Montee, M.D. will continue to see patients in both Union and Elgin.

Bonnie Hayslett, PA-C, who has been the Elgin Health Clinic's primary provider for the last 4 years, will be moving to the Union Clinic full time once Jamie Jo begins.

As soon as this new schedule settles down, Kim and Bonnie look forward to taking the mobile clinic back to Cove and North Powder. It is our hope to have the mobile clinic available on a weekly, consistent basis in each of these communities starting in September.

Our Dental providers include: Dr. Larry Wogman who sees patients in Union. After having a long and successful practice in Chehalis, WA, we were fortunate to have Larry bring his services to Union in his semi-retirement.

Amber Daggett provides Dental Hygienist Services in Union. Dental and Hygiene services are also provided in Elgin by Dr. Eli Mayes and his Elgin Family Dental Clinic staff.

You may call either of the above numbers to schedule appointments with Dr. Montee, Bonnie Hayslett, PA-C, Jamie Jo Haddock, FNP, Dr. Wogman, or Amber Daggett. Dr. Mayes's group can be reached through the Elgin Clinic's number above.

Jamie Jo Haddock, FNP



Bonnie Hayslett, PA-C



Kim Montee, MD



Reset at Sale Talking Points

1. Oregon created a taxable value to calculate taxes. For older properties, the taxable value was pegged at a property's 1995 market value minus 10 percent. For newer properties, a ratio was applied at the time of construction to determine taxable value. Thereafter the rate of growth in taxable value is capped at 3 percent annually. As properties have appreciated in value at different rates, however, the artificial taxable value is often no longer an accurate reflection of a property's market value, leading to considerable inequities in tax liability between properties of a similar value.
2. Oregon's property tax system is unique in that it never recalibrates a property's taxable value. Of the 17 other states that have a system with artificial taxable value similar to Oregon's, 15 of the 17 recalibrate taxable value when a property is sold.
3. According to a report from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, "With no periodic recalibration of [taxable] values to market levels, the Oregon system has gone the farthest of any in breaking the link between property taxes and property values."
4. Resetting taxable value to a property's sale price is a market-driven determination of a property's value and a potential owner's ability to pay for local services.
5. The current artificial taxable value system has locked in inequities among property owners that will exist in perpetuity. Without a periodic recalibration, certain properties and certain neighborhoods are receiving a permanent property tax break, with the cost of local services being largely and unfairly subsidized by other property owners.
6. The Oregon Legislative Revenue Office examined property tax inequities in four counties – Deschutes, Jackson, Multnomah and Sherman – in a 2010 report. The report found, "Horizontal inequities – unequal tax treatment of taxpayers with similarly value property, are widespread among the four counties observed."

Source: <http://www.orcities.org/UsefulLinks/HowtoCommunicateaboutCityFinance/tabid/6599/language/en-US/Default.aspx>



Ordinance Adoption

August 11, 2014 at 7 pm or shortly after.

For a full copy of one of the following codes please stop by or call city hall 541-562-5197. Copies can be mailed at a reasonable cost. Codes can be emailed at no cost.

Ordinance 537 An ordinance repealing portions of Chapter 95 of the City of Union code and re-codifying others.

Ordinance 538 An ordinance concerning arrest procedures, municipal court appearances and forfeitures, and contempt of court penalties.

Ordinance 539 An ordinance concerning warrants for inspection for public nuisances, health, safety, sanitation, and zoning.

Ordinance 540 An ordinance regulating noxious vegetation.



South County Health Clinic

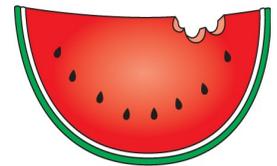
Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00pm and are held at the Health Clinic



CODE VIOLATION REMINDERS

- ~Grass and weeds over 10 inches must be cut or killed
- ~No storage of non-operating vehicles/trailers etc, in the right of way longer than 24 hours
- ~You cannot store junked vehicles on public or private property without proper sight obscuring provisions
- ~No living or staying in a travel trailer without a city permit or in an RV park.

Violations of any of the above could result in a \$500.00 fine.



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	3 rd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:30 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	3 rd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	7:00 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