

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

May 2014

It's Spring!

Spring rains mean tall weeds and grass!

It's that time of year again! The grass and weeds are growing fast! This is a reminder that it is the responsibility of the property owner or tenant to keep weeds and grasses cut and under 10" in height.

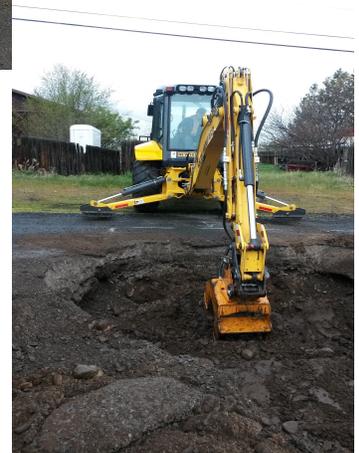
Don't risk a violation!



Union Public Works

Busy installing another sewer connection on N. Fifth Street.

Since the first of the year Union has issued 5 permits for new homes.



Spring Clean Up Day!

Community Clean Up Day!

May 17, 2014
9am ~ 2pm

At no cost to **Union Residents only.**

Clean leaves, grass and branches

One load per household ~ **NO GARBAGE**



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

910 Treatment Plant Rd.
End of W. Arch at the Transfer Station

The Mayor's Corner



During my time as Mayor I have learned the County is not balanced. Not only are the Commissioner positions not equally represented but so are several county committees. What I mean by this is the commissioners and boards and committees of Union County can be filled with representatives from one location, that being La Grande. While there is nothing wrong with La Grande citizens, La Grande residents don't represent the County as a whole. The following is what I've learned:

a. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE STEERING COMMITTEE

All of Union County members are from the city of La Grande, as is the Waste Pro;

Union County Solid Waste District	Steve McClure
Union County at large	Kyle Carpenter
Waste Pro	Darin Larvik

Out of over 2,000 square miles of Union County, less than 100 square miles represents the entire county. There is no representation from the second largest city Union or the third largest city, Elgin. Thus these people decided where the waste facility would be located. Surprise, it's the city of La Grande. La Grande gets the facility along with the jobs it creates.

b. UNION COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner – Mark Davidson – La Grande
Commissioner – William Rosholt – Island City
Committee Member – Dale Case- Cove
Committee Member – Kyle McAndie – La Grande
Committee Member – Cedric Shanks – La Grande

Again there is not representation from the second largest city Union or the third largest city Elgin.

If you believe this is not the correct way, then we need a different way to elect County Commissioners and the number of them from each of the 5 districts so the majority of the county can be represented equally. This will take a large effort by volunteers to accomplish.

Next month I will discuss Buffalo Peak Golf Course and its short comings. And also, Oregon revised statutes that regulate counties.



Interested in City Government?

The City of Union will have 3 Council positions and a Mayor position open as of January 1, 2015

The City Council is not only a representative body, it is a law-making body. The Council enacts rules, which affect the quality of life in Union. The Mayor is the recognized civic leader in the eyes of the community.

If you have any questions regarding these positions please contact city hall 541~562~5197

Deadline to file will be late in August 2014



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY OF UNION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Union City Planning Commission will hold two public hearings
Wednesday, May 21, 2014 on the following application:

- * Claude and Deborah Morgan for conditional use approval for an RV permit for the following property in the City of Union, to wit: Tax lot 303, Map 04S40E19CB, otherwise known as 1118 S. 2nd Street, Union, OR 97883

The hearings will be held in the Leonard Almquest Council Chamber, Union City Hall, S. Main Street, Union, at or shortly after 7:00 p.m. Applicable criteria for the Planning Commission's decision can be found in Zoning Ordinance 337.

A copy of the applications and all documents and evidence submitted to the City are available for inspection at no cost at the Union City Hall during normal business hours (10am - 5pm, Monday through Thursday). Copies will be provided upon request, at a reasonable cost, and mailed if requested. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost no less than seven (7) days prior to the public hearing during regular business hours or copies will be provided upon request at reasonable cost.

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 any questions or need additional information, contact 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 handicap accessible.

Public Hearing
May 12th at 7:00pm
Union City Council Meeting
First Reading of Ordinance 534

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CITY OF
UNION
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN;
ZONING REGULATIONS
AND LAND USE/ZONING
MAP
More information available at
City Hall



CITIZENS UPDATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The past 35 years the economy in Union has changed and as a result travel patterns have changed. With that thought in mind, many citizens including students haven been hard at work updating Union's comprehensive plan and transportation system plan over the last several months— involving everything from roads, walking paths and bridges to bicycle paths and public transit – for the first time since 1997. This 20 year plan focuses on maintaining a safe and efficient system , with a focus on improving the current system, rather than building new roads. The hard work can now been seen in the windows at city hall. Take time to stop by and view the proposed projects. If you have questions or need more information or want to provide comment make an appointment at city hall or email Sandra at admin@cityofunion.com.

Public Hearing on the adoption of the updated transportation system plan and updated goal 12 will be held June 5, 2014 at 6 pm starting with Union Planning Commission and Union City Council Public Hearing immediately following. You are welcomed and encouraged to present testimony to both boards either verbally or in writing.

When: June 5, 2014

Time: 6 pm

Where: 342 S. Main Union, Oreg

Questions: call 541-562-5197 or email admin@cityofunion.com

Notice

In order to prevent violations the ordinance officer will be chalking tires on vehicles believed to be left parked over the 72 hour time limit. This will give him the chance to visit with citizens and help prevent citations.

If you have any questions about the parking ordinances please call Hank at city hall, his office hours are
8Am ~ 12pm
541~562~5197



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Water Meters

Now that spring is here we are back to reading meters monthly. It is important that your water meter is not obstructed or covered, even if you have a new radio read meter. There could be an extra charge if we have to return to read a meter that had been covered and we were unable to read the first time.

Quote of the Month.....

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world".....Harriet Tubman

Save the Date, Time is running out!

Just For The Halibut

BUY TICKETS TODAY!

**We have to go Fishing!
Last Chance to purchase is
Monday May 5th 2014**

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!



2013 proceeds went toward a new Drinking Fountain in the HS Gym.

Thank you Breakfast Supporters



31st Annual Alumni / Community Breakfast

Memorial Day, Sunday, May 25, 2014

Ham/Egg/Pancake/Juice/Coffee & Friends

Served 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

EOLS Club House - 760 E Delta Union, OR

Cost : Free-will offering, proceeds to benefit Union High School students, activities and Booster projects.



We would like to invite all Community Members and Alumni to join the Union Booster Club. We are a non-profit organization that provides support for Union School activities, grades 7-12. Please help our community, school and students. Your name will be displayed in all home sports programs and our school website.

Membership form can be mailed to the address below or turned in at Breakfast.
Make checks payable to Union Booster Club

Family or Individual Lifetime Membership \$100.00 _____ Annual Membership: \$10 Individual _____

Annual Membership \$15.00 Family _____ Annual Business Membership \$50.00 Company _____

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

BOBCATS TAKE ALL!



BOBCAT BOOSTER CLUB



Union Carnegie Public Library

182 N. Main Street – Union

541~562~5811

Library Hours

Monday 10:30am ~ 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am ~ 5:30pm

Wednesday 4:00pm ~ 8:00pm

Thursday 1:00pm ~ 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am ~ 3:30pm

Story Time is on Tuesdays ~ 10:00am

Enjoy a large selection of books, movies, and audio books!

Are you planning on building?

Regardless of what you are building, you need to check with City Hall Planning Department. The city requires all new construction, either built on site or delivered, to have a City of Union pre-build. We will also help you determine if you need a building permit from Union County.

Note;

Setback requirements
20 feet front yard line
10 feet side yard line
10 feet rear yard line



If you have any questions please call city hall, 541~562~5197



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	1st 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