

# 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

September 2014

## We're Going Back To School



Be aware at all times and watch for kids of all ages during this time when school is back in session!

Kids will be crossing streets, on bicycles, scooters, and getting on and off buses. Be diligent about watching and keeping our kids safe! Pedestrians always have the right-of-way.



**Parents:** please remind your kids that they are not allowed to ride their bikes and scooters on the sidewalks downtown. This is extremely dangerous to our elderly citizens, as well as an ordinance violation and can result in a fine. Tell them to walk their bike or scooter while going through downtown.



### Ordinance Adoption

*September 8, 2014 at 7pm or shortly after.*

For a full copy of the following codes please stop by or call city hall at 541-562-5197.

Copies can be mailed at a reasonable cost, and can be emailed at no cost.

**Ordinance 541** An ordinance regulating solid and other wastes

**Ordinance 542** An ordinance repealing portions of Chapter 95 of the city of Union code and re-codifying others

### *Quote of the Month,*

When one door of happiness closes,  
another opens, but we often look so long at the  
closed door that we do not see the one that has  
been opened for us....

*~ Helen Keller*



**Note:** As fall fast approaches it is time to prepare for the winter months ahead. Check doors/windows for air leaks and repair as needed. Have furnaces professionally checked and change out filters. Have the chimney cleaned and check and make ready for the winter burning needs.

Dear Residents of Union,

City Council, Mayor, city staff, city volunteers and I, have been extraordinarily busy over the last 18 months with several large projects. Let's look back at a few of our accomplishments.

Union's local transportation system plan was identified by City Council as needing an update, as a result the city applied for an Oregon Department of Transportation and Department of Land Conservation and Development grant to fund the project. The project took many months, numerous local volunteers, and assistance from local students. The project was adopted in June of this year and provides a better integration of transportation and land use and coordination between local agencies and a more efficient and balance system within the city. In July, City Council adopted revised Goals 9, 10 and 11 of Union's Comprehensive plan. A copy of the all the plans can be viewed at city hall, coming soon to the city website.

Public Works broke ground on the second waterline project summer of 2013 on Hickory and Bellwood Streets. The last water service line was completed on that project in July. The water reservoir will get a makeover with new paint this year. You may have notice the local street improvements both this year and last. While loose gravel can be an irritant, it is temporary. Street crews will be returning to apply asphalt in potholes and water/sewer line cuts. City crews installed the fourth year radio read water meters in 2013 and have ordered the fifth year for 2014. As you may remember this is a 7 year program, which City Council chose to pay as we go so the city would not have to borrow any funds.

City Council will be reviewing in the next month a new Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility Plan which will provide the planning for required modifications to meet projected growth and requirements from other permitting agencies. As the plant enters its 15 year there are changes on the horizon and the Council encourages citizen participation as they face these decisions.

The fire department purchased breathing apparatus in 2013 and a new AED for the ambulance. State of Oregon requires the city to define our volunteer fire fighters as employees of the city which continues to be an extra cost. Both last year and now Fire Chief Montgomery has maintained the staffing levels. The 70+ hours of training all employees need each year is hard on the volunteers, with good leadership they pull it off. The city pays the training cost, medical shots and all required clothing.

Two new computers purchased for the library were with donated funds this year. These computers are used by patrons for research, homework, etc. The old computers were over 10 years old. New eaves are in the future of the library, and an emergency exit window on the main floor will be installed in the back of the library. Currently no windows on the main floor open.

The above items are just a few of the many projects over the last 18 months or near future. Feel free to call and learn more or contact one of your elected officials.

Respectfully,  
Sandra Patterson, *City Administrator*



## From The Fire Chief

All alleys must be kept open and accessible to fire trucks and ambulances!

Keep alleys clear of;

- \* vehicles
- \* piles of yard debris
- \* low hanging limbs and branches
- \* trash cans

Do your part in keeping you and your neighbors safe in the time of an emergency!

## Union Carnegie Public Library

### Library Hours

Monday 10:30am ~ 6pm

Tuesday 10:00am ~ 5:30pm

Wednesday 4:00pm ~ 8:00pm

Thursday 1:00pm ~ 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00am ~ 3:30pm

Adult & children books, audio books, movies,  
public computers, copies, in/out faxes and  
wireless connection.

For more information call 541~562~5811

We would like to invite all Union Parents & Community Members to join the Bobcat Booster Club. We are a non-profit organization that provides supplemental financial and volunteer support for Union School District activities, grades 7-12. We are similar to PTA's and PTO's in our mission. We would love to have your membership and ideas for the direction Union Booster Club should move in the future. Our membership form is below. **Membership forms can be mailed to the address below. Make checks to UHS Booster Club.** School Year \_\_\_\_\_ July to June each New School Year

Family or Individual Lifetime Membership \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership: \$10 Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Membership \$15.00 Family \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Business Membership \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Union Bobcat Booster Club P O Box 272 Union Oregon 97883

Open-President Shannon Houck-Vice President Jodi Huffman- Treasurer Merry Montgomery- Secretary  
 541-910-9997 541-805-1618 541-786-4073

**Do you use a**  
 **SAFeway Card?**  
**You can help!**

❖ Sign up to have a percentage of what you spend at Safeway come back to Union Students!

❖ **It costs you nothing, and sign-up takes 5 minutes.**  
 All you need is your card number. Don't have it?

Call 1-877-723-3929 to get it. Ask for your Club card number for eScrip. Then log-on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

**OR** fill in and return form to Booster Club / Shannon Houck to Input:  
 Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Safeway Club # \_\_\_\_\_

❖ You can contribute in up to three organizations. Our School ID #'s are:  
Circle which to contribute to: you can circle both  
 500002642 for Union High School Baseball Team  
 8567494 for Union Elementary PTA

❖ THEN simply present your Safeway card or Phone Number at the check-out for your regular discounts, and a percentage will also support us.

❖ Get your extended family and friends who live out of the area or state to sign up too, everything helps. Example--a grocery bill of \$400.00 a month contributes \$6.00 per month or \$72.00 per year. That adds up.

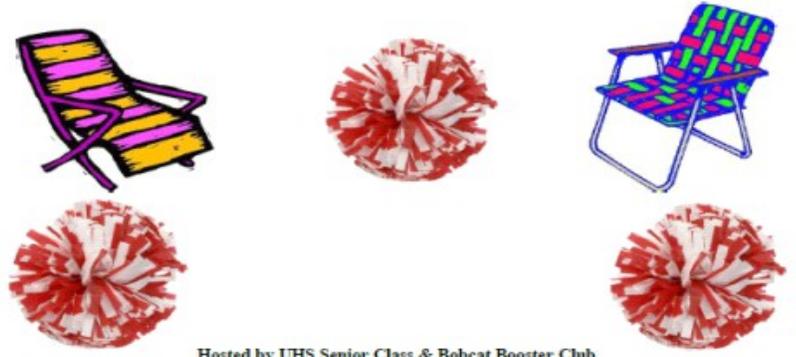
No information is sold to third parties, No purchase activity is shared. *Thank you!*



**Friday, September 12th**  
**Union Football Field**

**Pre-Game Dinner 6:00 PM, Game 7:00 PM**  
**Come have a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, and Pepsi. You will also get a raffle ticket to win prizes at each quarter.**  
**All for \$6.00**

**Bring lawn chairs; enjoy the music and School Spirit.**



Hosted by UHS Senior Class & Bobcat Booster Club

*This ad paid for by the Union Bobcat Booster Club*

September 1, 2014



Dear Community Members,

It is that time of year to kick off school and all of our sports and club programs. Over the last three years, we have been working on building the Booster Club and its membership. We have a lot of fun activities planned that we are working on to increase school and community spirit, including a Basketball Tournament in our hometown in December. We are looking forward to partnering with you and increasing community and school pride.

Take some time to become a Booster Member today by filling out the form on the reverse side. Your membership goes towards several student activities and school projects. We also offer a Lifetime Membership for Individuals and families. One of the things we are doing to increase membership is raffling off two 2014-2015 Season passes for anyone registering for their Booster Club Membership by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. The passes will be for all home league games in all sports. Also consider coming to meetings, our club meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Gym behind the stage. **YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Our first home Volleyball game is Thursday, Sept 4, 4:00PM against Wallowa. On Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we have our 1<sup>st</sup> HOME FOOTBALL Game. We will be having a Tailgate Party to begin the festivities at 6:00 PM. Bring your lawn chairs, listen to music and the Booster Club will be preparing Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Baked Beans and Pepsi for \$6.00.

Get your cheer on!!!

## The Booster Club

### 2013-2014 Highlights

- Programs for home volleyball, football and basketball games.
- Manning ticket booth/table at volleyball, football and basketball games.
- "Provided" football announcer for home games.
- Assisted teams with 50/50 fundraising (all funds to teams).
- Drive 4 UR School Program (\$1,200 to Clubs)
- Scholarships for Pay to Play (\$1240)
- Cross-country to State (\$240)
- Volleyball to State (\$210)
- Super Six Club (\$500)
- New Tile in Boys & Girls Showers(\$4,500)
- Ice Cream Parties for Drive 4-UR School Class Winners (\$40)
- Spirit Bus for District and State Basketball
- Coaches Chili Cook Off
- Union Co. Library Heater (\$100)
- Annual Halibut Dinner ( Put on your Calendar)
- Merchandise at events
- State Wrestling Tournament Fee (\$225)
- Track Team to Sandy (\$50)
- Baseball to State (\$180)
- Softball to State (\$300)
- Tail-Gate Party and Feed
- Livestock Show Breakfast
- Hospitality Baskets for our teams and opposing teams
- FANFARE and Pom Poms for state games.
- Meals for Guest Teams
- Booster Bingo
- Memorial Day Alumni Breakfast
- FBLA Nationals (\$1,000)
- Ukulele's for Elementary School Music Program (\$300)
- Hurdles for Track Team (\$500)
- Drinking Fountain for High School Gym (\$2,000)

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A nineteenth century account of Union schools states:

The first school building ever erected in the Grande Ronde Valley was built in Union in 1862. It was made of cottonwood logs, it's dimensions being but 14x16 ft. It was destroyed by fire in 1883. The next school house was a small one room frame building 14x20ft located on the northeast corner of A and West Fir streets. When this building became inadequate a larger one was erected on the block west of the courthouse. This building was about 22x40 ft, one story.



unknown pioneer school

This school served until 1878 when liberal minded citizens raised by subscription an amount necessary to erect at that time the finest school house in Eastern Oregon. This was a two story brick building containing four rooms. Again in 1890 it was found necessary to provide more room, and the district authorized the addition to the old building. In the early 1900's a school in the north part of town was proposed. Prior to the erection of the building which was completed by or before 1903, a school class was held in a harness shop located on the southwest corner of the Elm and Main Street crossing. During the 1909-1910 school year seventy-one pupils were enrolled in high school. It was only after a series of court injunctions, two appeals to the Supreme Court, and two subsequent elections, that the court house site, which the school board had selected was chosen by the voters by March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1911. By mid May the stone work, banked up with brick, was completed to the top of the window casings, in July 'the beauties of style of architecture are apparent, workmen putting finishing touches on the terra cotta trimming, and lathers are putting the 'slats' on the upper rooms'.

~A History of Union Schools, by Stella Edvalson

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to advertise your monthly event or activity email [cityhall@cityofunion.com](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month	See Nick @ Union Drug	Noon	www.visitunionor.org
City Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Cove/Union Medical Assoc	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	Union Health Cntr	6:00 pm	541-562-5441
CUP Medical Association	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:30 pm	
CUP Senior Assisted Living	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	Union Drug Co.	6:00 pm	541-562-5441
Order of Eastern Star	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5660
Food Bank	Saturday after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Methodist Church	9-11 am	541-562-5675
Food Alliance	Every Monday	Methodist Church	12:30-1 pm	
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Int'l Rainbow for Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-975-9495
Library Board	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Wed/every quarter	City Hall	5:30 pm	541-562-5197
Planning Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Health Clinic	7:00 pm	
Stockshow Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035