

# City of Union News Letter

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

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

February 2015

## City of Union

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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

# FEBRUARY



## New Council Members

January 12th regular Council meeting Mayor Lindsley was sworn in for his 4th term as Mayor and both Mr. Russell and Mr. Later were sworn in as Councilors to serve 4 year terms. Both Russell and Later were appointed to fill seats that were vacated prior to the 2015 election, we welcome their return.



Pictured left to right is Mayor William C. Lindsley, Councilor Bryan Russell and Councilor Matt Later. Not pictured are Coy Wilde and Sue Briggs, whom the Council appointed to vacant council positions 1 & 2, both positions have two remaining years.



## Saving Our Local Economy....

Think about our local businesses, which of these independently owned businesses would you miss if they were gone. Where would our economy be if they were gone? It is harder than ever to keep a small business going today, your patronage could go a long way in keeping them here.

For every \$100 spent in independently owned businesses, over half returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. Stop in, say 'Hello', purchase something, utilize the service they provide, keep your dollars in your community.

**Make the difference, shop local!!**

# Chamber Business Highlights



LG BREWSKIS resides in an 1870's timber building on the Registry of Historic Places. It's a must for beer & wine lovers. Known for its extensive selection of Northwest Microbrews and Wines for such a small establishment.

We serve appetizers, sandwiches, quesadillas, burgers and more. In the next months, we will be adding on to our kitchen so we can offer our customer a bigger better menu .

Whether a regular or out of town guest, everyone is greeted like old friends from our quaint staff, so come on in and hangout with friends in our beer garden or eat something and play shuffleboard.

LG BREWSKIS has a proud tradition of entertainment that has become local favorites and has the only Shuffleboard in Union County. Open at 1:00pm , Tuesday - Sunday

**267 S Main Street Pff: 541-562-6286**

*This ad paid for by the Union Chamber of Commerce*



## Preserving Union's Historic Downtown

Union's Historic Preservation committee met for the first time January 21st.

In the photograph the committee is reviewing current downtown images and rendings of the same building as it would have looked when it was first build. On the agenda for the evening , review the ordinance that governs historic properties, discuss the benefits and challenges, and grants available.

In the coming months the committee will appoint a chair person and vice chair, and create policy and procedures for historical properties. The committee approved a volunteer resume form which is filled out by new participants and sent to the State. Property owners can anticipate positive outcomes as this committee moves forward.

For more information please contact Sandra at city hall 541-562-5197.





## From the Fire Chief

Yes, your 2015 burn permits are now available to purchase at City Hall. The cost of a burn permit is still \$10.00, and is valid for entire 2015 burning season (which excludes the months of July, August and September)

Pick up your new burn informational brochure at the time you purchase your burn permit. There are new regulations and this brochure will answer any questions you have regarding what is permitted and what is not when burning in the city.

If you do have unanswered questions feel free to contact City Hall.

City Hall hours are Monday~Thursday  
10:00 am ~ 5:00pm  
541-562-5197



**Think twice before you dump that chair, carpet, tires or any illegal items at the Transfer Station!**

**Camera surveillance is operating 24 hours a day. The fine for illegal dumping could be up to \$500.00, and will be issued without warning!**

**The transfer station is exclusively for the purpose of recycling:  
Plastics~Cardboard  
Tin~Glass**

### What is Warm Showers?

[www.warmshowers.org](http://www.warmshowers.org)

- It's built on 100% hospitality.
- It has over 55,000 active members.
- It's all over the world.



The Warm Showers Community is a free worldwide hospitality exchange for touring cyclists. People who are willing to host touring cyclists sign up and provide their contact information, and may occasionally have someone stay with them and share great stories and a drink.

In recent years the Warmshowers.org Foundation was formed to improve governance and sustainability of the organization. It is now a US 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and it has a Board of Directors.

Visit for more information or find out how you can get involved [www.warmshowers.org](http://www.warmshowers.org).

## By City Ordinance House Numbers Are Required!!

**151.25 House Numbers Required:** There is hereby established a uniform system of numbering all houses, stores, establishments and other buildings, excepting minor sheds and outbuildings now situated or which may hereafter be erected within the city limits of the City of Union, Oregon, and which are hereinafter referred to as structures. The numbers shall be placed near the main entrance of each structure, and in accordance with the map and plan now on file in City Hall, which shall be known as the 'Official Numbering Map of the City of Union'. (Ord. 419, passed 2-12-1990)

**151.29 Duty to Install Numbers:** It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning, occupying or controlling any structure within the City of Union, to obtain from the Recorder the correct number for the structure and to number the same in accordance with the provisions hereof, the same to be done within 30 days of the passage of this subchapter, or within 30 days of the erection of any structure which may be constructed after the passage of this subchapter. (Ord. 419, passed 2-12-1990)

**151.30 Placement of Numbers:** Numbers shall be affixed to the door or door frame of the main entrance to the structure or as near thereto as practical, in a location conspicuous from the street from which the structure faces.

a) Numbers shall be attached to the building and shall be on a background material that allows for easy reading at any time of day or night, and shall be kept in good repair at all times.

b) Numbers shall be not less than four inches high.

(Ord. 419, passed 2-12-1990)

### **151.99 Penalty**

c) *Numbering of buildings.* It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to obtain and number or to place the same on any structure owned, occupied or controlled by the person, and any person violating any provision of **151.25** through **151.30** shall upon conviction thereof be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any amount not exceeding \$25. (Ord. 419, passed 2-12-1990; Ord. 428, passed 1-14-1991)

Quote of the month....

Life is like a camera....

You focus on what's important,  
capture the good times, develop  
from the negatives and if things  
don't work out...take another shot~

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**Note:** A late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to your utility bill if you are 30 days past due with a balance of \$10.00 or more.

If your utility bill is over two months past due you will receive a late notice and are subject to shut off.

We have a secure and convenient drop box located in the foyer of City Hall. These payments are picked up every morning and are posted that same day.

If you have questions regarding your utility bill contact Laura or Pam at City Hall.

Union School District #5  
Annual Report to the Community  
2014-2015

Presented 1-14-15  
Carter Wells



Summary Statement: The District is in substantive compliance with all Division 22 Standards of the Oregon Administrative rules.

In nearly every major and sub-category of data the majority of the District's students achieve at or above the state average in Reading. Almost all grade levels show increasing growth in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in Reading and the district has set aside funds to update the curriculum to the new standards by the Oregon Department of Education.

The State in the last few years has adjusted the curriculum and shifted to the Common Core State Standards. This has had an impact on Union School District in multiple ways. First, in a negative fashion the "Cut Scores" have changed specifically in Mathematics, which has shown a significant decrease in the numbers of students meeting or exceeding the standards in Mathematics. Second, in a positive fashion Union School District has recognized this and in the past school year adopted a new curriculum through the purchase of new textbooks, added evening tutoring sessions, and more supplemental material in the effort to close this gap as quickly as possible. There has been an adjustment period to this new material and ultimately time and the next few years of the brand new Smarter Balance state test scores will depict the effectiveness of these efforts.

With the increase in use of technology for standardized testing Union School District has compiled an iPad lab to meet the demands of the new testing format. This has been a lengthy process and there seems to be a constant one more item that is needed to complete this set.

Student enrollment has been somewhat steady this year, which will make our funding stream from the state consistent. Enrollment for this year was projected to be about 334 ADMr and early numbers show us running a few students above this number. We are currently graduating more students than we are bringing in from new classes at the kindergarten level. It is reasonable to expect a drop of approximately 3-5 students for the 2015-16 school year due to our graduating class of seniors being higher than the projected incoming Kindergarten students as well as our largest class of students will be graduating in roughly 18 Months which could create a reduction in roughly 15 students district wide.

Facility maintenance continues to be a concern. With the cool schools program some issues have been addressed with updating some of our heating systems, insulation in some of the buildings, as well as updating lighting with energy efficient products. However due to the age of our facilities there is always something that is wearing out even though it has exceeded its expected life span. It is my recommendation that this be given a high priority as we go through the budget process this spring.

Funding is a major concern as we move in the future. The projected decline in enrollment in 2016-17, coupled with a change from the state in their per child contribution, as well as increases in PERS, Salary, benefits and fixed operating costs are all converging creating a real fiscal issue for schools. March will be a critical month as SSF estimates will come out at that time, and we will have a better handle on our projected ending fund balance.



**December 2014 Report  
Union Carnegie Public Library  
Union, Oregon**

**STATISTICS**

Patron Count.....	1025
Circulation Count.....	1584
Adult.....	882
Children.....	702
Audios.....	78
Videos.....	324
Energy Meter.....	0
Materials Added to the Collection.....	128
Materials Discarded from the Collection.....	0
Reference Questions .....	25
Volunteer Hours.....	102.5
Programs for Children &/or Adults.....	23
Participants.....	291
Computer usage.....	422.25 hrs.
New Patrons.....	11
ILL Requests.....	103

**Events and Additions**

- **Estimated wireless computer use for this month: 1466.0 hours.**
- **Tuesday storytime at 10 am.**
- **Annual Open House and Friends of the Library's Christmas tree raffle on the 11<sup>th</sup> had a very good attendance. A good time was had by all who stopped in.**
- **Attended the Jan Brett presentation. Very fun and interesting. What an amazing author and illustrator.**
- **Our ornament making class was well attended by children and adults.**
- **Proctored.**

**Coming in January**

- ❖ **Possibly another craft class.**
- ❖ **Proctoring.**
- ❖ **Storytime Tuesdays.**



*"Call snow Lace when it lines the limbs of the lilacs - or Eyelet when it embroiders spruce." -from the book Names For Snow by Judi K. Beach*

Union's Fire and Ambulance Service is made up solely of local volunteers. Many of these people have full time jobs outside their dedication to the department. They are called out all hours of the day and night, holidays, weekends and their families.

**WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

All to serve their community!

Take the time today to show your appreciation and say 'Thank You' to a volunteer today!

*Ladies ~ Did You Know?*

*Superstition says, the kind of bird a girl watches on Valentine's Day predicts her future husband. For instance:*

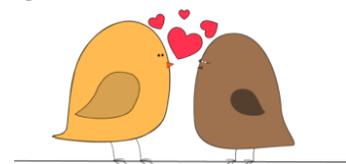
*Sparrow: a poor man      Owl: she will be a spinster      Bluebird: a happy man*

*Blackbird: a priest or clergyman      Crossbill: an argumentative man*

*Goldfinch: a millionaire      Robin: a detective/crime fighter      Dove: a peaceful man*

*Or...If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money. If you find a glove on the road, your future beloved will have the other missing glove. The first man's name you read in the paper will be the name of the man you will marry.*

*So ladies, be careful of the bird you're watching this Valentine's Day.*



## 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			6:00 pm	
City of Union Chamber	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	See Nick @ Union Drug	12:30	www.visitunionor.org
City Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Health Clinic	6:15 pm	541-562-5441
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
EOLS Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:30 pm	541-562-5631
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	541-562-6192
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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
School Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	Health Clinic	7:00 pm	541-562-6180
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