

# 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

## Spring Clean-Up Day!!



### Union Residents Only

May 16<sup>th</sup>  
9am ~ 2pm



Clean Yard debris, leaves, grass, and clippings  
One load per household

We will be accepting tires this year  
Restricted to **ONLY 4 TIRES** per household

Proof of residency is required! (such as a utility billing)

**Absolutely: NO TIRES WITH RIMS!**  
**Absolutely: NO GARBAGE!**  
**Absolutely: NO ASHES!**  
**Absolutely: NO IRON or METAL!**



410 Treatment Plant Rd

## Council Wants to Hear From You!

Union City Council desiring to rewrite the city's proposed solid and other wastes ordinance. In doing so, they are asking for your input.

How much do you want the city to control rubbish, home and industrial materiel, machinery, lumber, yard debris, animal wastes and dead animals. Materials and matter accumulates on property so as to constitute a public nuisance. The accumulation and storage of waste is to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, promote blight, deterioration and unsightliness. This code also addresses conditions that lead to rise of injury to young children.

The full Ordinance can be found on the city website bottom of front page or a copy can be picked up at city hall. Council will take public comment until May 20th.

## Fun In The Park!

This wonderful weather brings kids and adults to our City Park.

### A couple of things to remember:

1. Park Hours are: dawn to dusk
2. Fires in bar-b-ques provided in the picnic areas only
3. No person shall allow any dog to run at large, dogs shall be kept controlled on a leash at all times
4. Please pick up your dog poop
5. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted in the city park
6. Park permits are available at City Hall for special events



### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Seminar

Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> ~6:00pm  
Almquist Chambers at  
Union City Hall

Union County Commissioners & Emergency Services will hold a public meeting to discuss a community wildfire protection plan.

Plan to attend!

Let's take pride in our City Park, and work together to keep it beautiful.



## From the Fire Chief

National EMS Week  
May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>

Emergency Medical Service is a vital public service, and the members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Quick and quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injuries. Both career and volunteer EMS personnel engage in hundreds of hours in specialized training and continued education.

These professionals often risk their own safety to help others. They work tirelessly to provide for the community.

It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of these professionals. This is the perfect time to say Thank You to your local volunteers who dedicate hours of their time to you and your community.



*"More Than A Job,  
It's A Calling"*



Quote of the month.....

*"Change your thoughts and you change your world."*

~ Norman Vincent Peale



### Council Considers OTEC Agreement

Union City Council will have its first reading of an ordinance that renews a current agreement that will allow the right to place, erect and maintain poles, wires and other appliances and conductors for the transmission and distribution of electricity in, upon and under the streets, alleys and avenues in Union.

A copy of the agreement can be picked up at city hall or emailed to you by emailing [admin@cityofunion.com](mailto:admin@cityofunion.com) or for a small fee one can be mailed to you.

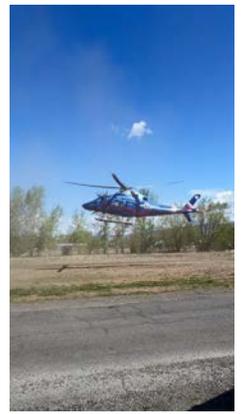


## Life Flight Training....

Union fire and ambulance volunteers received training in setting up landing zones, procedures and safety when working with the Life Flight emergency network.

Life Flight Network is dedicated to collaborating with our healthcare partners and the larger EMS community through a diverse array of outreach involvement and continuing education programs.

Thank You to Union's volunteers for spending their Sunday to participate in this valuable training.



## Planning Commission Seat Open!

The planning commission makes decisions and recommendations based on the City Comprehensive Plan and requirements in the City's zoning codes. The Planning Commission is the approval authority for most special use permits. On occasion, it is responsible for reviewing site plans.

Are you interested in the growth of your community? Are you interested in becoming involved in your local government? Then the Planning Commission is a great place for you! They meet once a month, the third Wednesday's, at 7:00pm.

Applications can be picked up at city hall, or found on the City's website [www.cityofunion.com](http://www.cityofunion.com)

## FFA Awards Banquet

May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
S.E. Miller Gym

Students will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and supporters will be thanked for all you do for our chapter, the school and the community.

Please join us for a delicious meal of pit BBQ, potato salad, and roll!

Thank you for all your continued support!



## FFA Plant Sale!

This year's plant sale will start  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9am ~ 5pm.

If you are looking for a beautiful hanging basket for your mom the Mother's Day (May 10<sup>th</sup>) then please come support the kids and purchase a basket.

Baskets are \$30 for one/\$50 for two  
FFA members have started pre-selling baskets, if you are interested please email [chelcee.mansfield@unionsd5.org](mailto:chelcee.mansfield@unionsd5.org), or call the school at 541~562~5166 ext 8919



# Union Carnegie Public Library

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

June 12<sup>th</sup> : EOLS parade float (sponsored by Friends of UCPL)

June 17<sup>th</sup> : Summer reading program starts at 10:00am and will be held each Wednesday through August 5<sup>th</sup>, the theme for this year's reading Program is Heroes... "Every Hero Has A Story"

June 17<sup>th</sup> : Juggler and Comedian Charlie Brown at 2:00pm (sponsored by the Oregon College Savings Plan)

June 18<sup>th</sup> : Art in the basement starts at 10:00am and will be each Thursday through August 6<sup>th</sup>

July 24<sup>th</sup> : Dragon Puppet Theater "The Home Grown Heroes" (sponsored by Friends of UCPL)

Every Tuesday: Story Time at 10:00am

*Have A Heroic Summer!!*

*For more information call 541~562~5811*



## TREE TIPS...

**STAKING:** In many cases, staking of new trees is unnecessary. Staking is beneficial in areas of potential vandalism, high winds and/or wet soil. Trees should be double staked with 7' long stakes having a minimum diameter of two inches. The stakes should extend four to five feet above the ground. Ties should be one inch canvas web belting or rubber, looped loosely around the trunk in a figure-eight pattern and nailed to the tree stakes. The tree should remain staked for no more than one year.

**WATERING:** Water new trees once a week for the first two summers and less often over the next two years. Deep waterings should be applied slowly within the area under the spread of the trees crown and just beyond. Short frequent waterings wet only the top few inches of soil and encourage roots to grow near the surface. Ask at your local nursery if you have questions about planting, pruning, feeding or watering your new trees.

**SOIL IMPROVEMENT:** For most street tree planting, a back fill soil mix composed of 25% humus or soil amendment and 75% tree pit soil is recommended. In heavier clay soils, amendments are not recommended.

**SELECTED PRUNING:** Pruning may be necessary. Prune only to keep the normal shape of the tree. Cut just above a bud or close to a twig, branch, or trunk. Try to form a well developed crown with a strong leader and wide-angled branches.



## You're Invited to Comment at the City Budget Hearing

On April 23rd, your local Budget Committee approved a proposed budget and agreed to send it to City Council for adoption. Council will hold a public hearing June 8th at 7 pm or shortly after. Once again public can address the council with comments.

A draft copy can be picked up at city hall or online at [www.cityofunion.com](http://www.cityofunion.com) at the bottom of the front page. *Watch for additional budget details in the June 2015 newsletter.*

If you have any questions please call Sandra Patterson 541-562-5197.



### Call Before You Dig! It's The Law!!

Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping, installing a fence, mailbox post, deck footings or sprinkler systems, can cause damage to a gas line, water lines, or any other buried lines or pipes.

By contacting the One-Call center first, this type of damage can be prevented.

One easy, **FREE** phone call to 811 starts the process to get your utilities marked, and then you can begin digging, and do it safely.



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE CITY OF UNION PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Union City Planning Commission will hold two public hearings Wednesday May 20, 2015, on the following applications:

- Frank D Wentzel for a variance approval to build a home on a lot without the required 60 foot road frontage in the City of Union, to wit: Tax lot 300, Map 04S 39E 13DB, 12.03 acres, property owner is Sherri Schubert.

The hearings will be held in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 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 and 481.

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 (10 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.). Copies will be provided upon request, at 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 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.

## Tall Grasses & Noxious Weeds

Spring weather makes it hard to control tall grass and weeds and they can tend to get out of control.

We want to remind property owners and tenants it is your responsibility to keep your grass cut and weeds controlled.

Visit the Union Library to check out A Field Guide to Eastern Oregon's Noxious Weeds' or call Tri-County CWWA at 541-523-2740 for a list of noxious weeds of our area.



## Budget Committee Open Seats!

### **We have two open seats!**

The Budget Committee is the fiscal planning board of the City. It consists of the governing body (City Council) and an equal number of legal City of Union registered voters.

The Budget Committee reviews and approves the proposed budget for the City.

The committee meets in the spring, with a term of two years.

Interested in being involved in the process of the budget of your city? Applications can be picked up at City

Hall or found on the city's website [www.cityofunion.com](http://www.cityofunion.com)

April 22, 2015

To: Budget Committee, District Patrons

## **Budget Message**

### **Union School District No. 5**

### **Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

The budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 was prepared in accordance with current laws and regulations and with direction from the Board of Directors. The overall budget as presented by the budget officer is in balance at this time and no staffing reductions are being recommended. While that is positive news in light of the last few years, the district can still not afford to add course offerings or reduce class sizes.

Enrollment in the district seems to have stabilized over the last couple of years allowing for a measure of predictability in resources. However, the retirement of a number of senior employees has reduced our experience rating, in turn reducing the amount of money we receive from the state per student. When coupled with the 7.2 billion State School Fund expectations, the District was able to handle the decreasing adjustment by reducing multiple line-item expenditures. Many of these items were possible due to the Cool Schools Program where we were able to reduce our heating and electrical costs as well as pay down the loan through the sale of tax credits, reducing line-item expenditures by roughly \$30,000. Other reductions included busing costs for Kindergarten, construction maintenance, maintenance equipment, and unemployment costs.

Other areas to note in this budget include an increased expenditure in technology (this is the third year in a three-year lease). This has provided a stable student lab for testing and updated staff computers. Property and liability insurance rates are predicted to increase between 3% and 5% as reflected in the object line 651. The balance of the budget was impacted by the hope that both the UEA and OSEA bargaining units settle at a 1.5% increase in salary as well as an increase in the curriculum bank and funding the wrestling program, as requested by the bargaining units. This would enable the district to maintain its current service level. Further, the District has budgeted \$35,000 for Next Generation Science Standards textbook adoption to work toward expectations set forth by the Oregon Department of Education.

In the wake of recent years, where we have experienced multiple reductions in staff and the inability to stay up to date with curriculum adoptions, we will be able to continue the level of service that we were able to provide this 2014-2015 school year. However, we are still unable to add back the full-time services of academic counseling and media.

# Lawn Mower Safety!

It's that time of year! Grass is green and growing, and we all start mowing! And as with all things, safety should always come first...here are a few guidelines to keep mowing safe for all.

1. Always pick up all foreign objects before you start mowing. Types of items to look for that can adversely affect your mowing are rocks, branches, kids toys, even dog toys.
2. Don't allow children or pets to play in the area you are mowing.
3. Don't fill the tank of the mower with gas in an enclosed area such as the garage or in a shed, this can lead to build up of combustible fumes.
4. Don't start the engine while you are inside any type of enclosed area such as the garage or shed, this could also lead to toxic build up of fumes.
5. Young kids should not be allowed to operate your lawn mower without proper guidance and supervision.
6. Don't walk away from a running lawn mower.
7. Always wear the proper shoes and clothing to prevent injury to feet, and injury from projected objects



## 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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	First Baptist Church	10-noon	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
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

