

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

October 2015

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



From The Fire Chief....

Can I Burn as of October 1st ???

NO...At this time, the burn ban has not been lifted for Union County. The City of Union follows the County burn regulations, therefore, **NO** open burning including burning barrels. Burning season will reopen depending on weather and future weather forecasts.

When you can begin burning the City will post information on their Facebook page, the windows at City Hall and the sidewalk boards in front of City Hall.

Thank you for your patience and your continued understanding for the extreme fire danger this summer.



You Can Make A Difference!!

The people who volunteer to serve the City of Union's community help set the course of Union's future.

Consider giving back to your community. If you have a specific area of interest and would like to volunteer for any of Union's Committee's, Boards or Emergency Service's Department stop by City Hall and pick up a volunteer application. You can make a difference!

STREET VACATE

You are invited to attend the following ordinance reading. Union City Council will hold the first reading of Ordinance 550 on the 12th of October 2015 at 7 pm or shortly after. The meeting will be held in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers located at 342 S. Main Union, Oregon.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING TWELFTH STREET IN WEST CATHERINE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION CITY OF UNION, OREGON. This ordinance will vacate North Twelfth Street approximately 450 feet long by 40 feet wide, 18,000 sq ft, North of West Birch, between North Eleventh and Thirteenth Streets, application by Michael and Laura Haefer.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact City Administrator/Recorder/Planner Sandra Patterson at City Hall 541-562-5197, or fax 541-562-5196 or email admin@cityofunion.com. If you have a disability requiring any special materials, services or assistance, please contact City Hall at least 48 hours before the meeting. Thank you.

ATTEN: OUTDOOR RV EMPLOYEES!

Community Connection or Northeast Oregon, along with WorkSource Oregon in Baker City are working together to help prospective employees with finding reliable, affordable and sustainable transportation options for their worksite commutes.

- ✓ Economical at \$6-\$8 per day
- ✓ Save an average of \$800 per month
- ✓ Improved Punctuality & Reliability
- ✓ Reduce your carbon footprint



For questions and further information on Vanpooling call Jodi at Community Connection of Northeast Oregon at 541-523-6591

Code Enforcement Officer Wanted

Less than part time person wanted to fill the City of Union's code enforcement officer position. Approximately 12-15 hours a week. The essence of the position is communication skills and the ability to establish relationships with citizens. Must have a genuine customer friendly attitude. Employee may perform some of the following duties: conduct field investigations, respond to citizen complaints, maintain accurate documentation, take photographs, drive city vehicle, determine proper method to resolve violation, skilled at deal with difficult people, prepare evidence, work in and around hazardous environments, work along, work indoors and outdoors, write citations, go before a judge, good writing skills, Word Processing skills.



For more details the job description can be picked up at city hall or on the city website www.cityofunion.com. Job application can be picked up at city hall 342 S. Main Street Union, Oregon 97883. Deadline to apply is October 15, 2015 at 5 pm.

Upcoming Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project **Town Hall Meeting**

A town hall meeting to discuss the City of Union wastewater treatment improvements that are on the horizon was held in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers at 7 p.m. on September 22, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss why improvements to the wastewater treatment system are necessary, when those improvements will need to be completed, the estimated cost of the project, and the potential increase to sewer rates.

Paul Stevens, P.E., Senior Engineer from Anderson Perry and Associates, Inc. in La Grande and Rod McKee, P.E., City of Union Public Works Director/Assistant City Administrator provided a power point presentation of the project and fielded questions from the public. Brett Moore, P.E., Principal from Anderson Perry and Associates, Inc. and Ralph Riomondo were also in attendance to provide technical assistance and answer questions. Randy Jones from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) was at the meeting to discuss the wastewater treatment/discharge regulations.

To recap the major points of the presentation:

- The wastewater treatment improvements are necessary for the City to comply with new pollutant limitations in Catherine Creek which will be established by the ODEQ in the near future. The pollutants in this case are temperature and ammonia.
- The City of Union operates the wastewater treatment plant under very strict rules established by a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) which is issued every five (5) years to the City by the ODEQ.
- A Wastewater Facilities Plan (WFP) prepared by Anderson Perry and Associates for the City of Union in response to the before mentioned pollutant limitations was accepted by the City Council in February 2015.
- The WFP identified 7 improvement alternatives that would allow the City's wastewater treatment facilities to meet currently identified future wastewater treatment/discharge regulations.
- The City Council chose an alternative for the proposed improvement that will discontinue discharging to Catherine Creek. The proposed improvements would continue to utilize the existing treatment facilities, continue to provide treated effluent to irrigate the golf course, provide for treated effluent storage during the non-irrigation season, and add irrigated cropland to utilize the treated effluent not used at Buffalo Peak Golf Course.
- The proposed storage lagoon and irrigated crop are proposed to be located on property owned by Oregon State University south of Arch Street and east of the wastewater treatment plant.
- The proposed improvements would need to be constructed before 2019.
- The total estimated cost of the proposed improvements in the year 2018 is \$4,681,000.
- The project cost is expected to increase residential sewer rates by approximately \$23 per month.
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Two (2) more Town Hall Meetings are scheduled to be held to allow the community to learn about the project. The next town hall meeting will be held in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers at **1 p.m., October 21, 2015**. If you have any questions regarding this project please contact Rod McKee or Sandra Patterson at City Hall. The number is (541) 5623-5197.



Union City Council would like to invite you to the October City Council meeting 12th of October at 7 pm City Hall 342 S. Main Street. The Council will be taking public comment on the following proposed ordinances. Union City Council will have its first reading on these ordinances. If you'd like a copy of one or both of these codes visit the front page of www.cityofunion.com or stop by city hall.

CITY OF UNION ORDINANCE

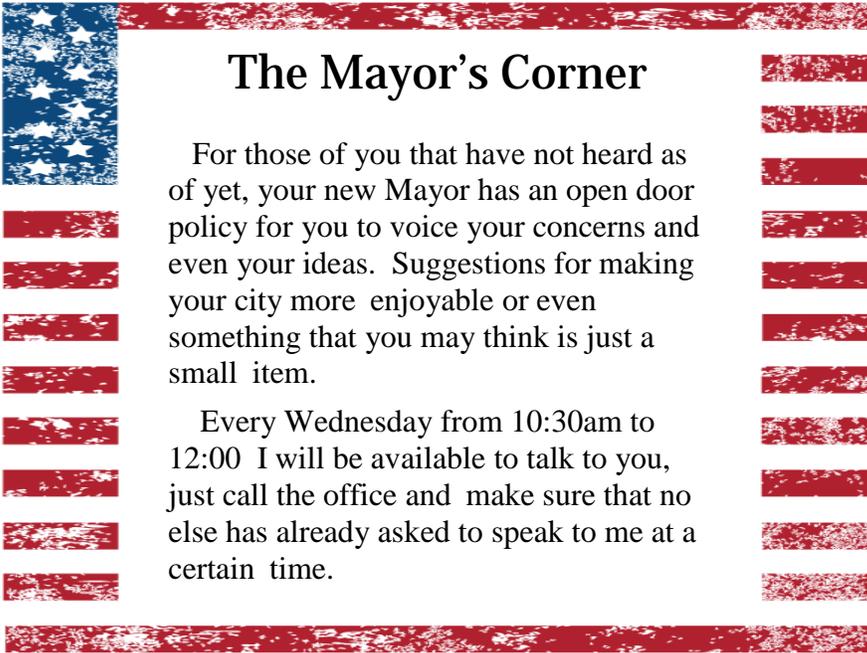
ORDINANCE NO. 548

An Ordinance Regulating Loud and Raucous Noise

CITY OF UNION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 549

An Ordinance Regulating Solid and Other Waste and Odor



The Mayor's Corner

For those of you that have not heard as of yet, your new Mayor has an open door policy for you to voice your concerns and even your ideas. Suggestions for making your city more enjoyable or even something that you may think is just a small item.

Every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:00 I will be available to talk to you, just call the office and make sure that no else has already asked to speak to me at a certain time.



Want to get Meeting Notices!

Send your email to: admin@cityofunion.com and request to be placed on the meeting notice list. Or like City of Union, Oregon on Facebook.

Union Carnegie Public Library

Brrrr...it's starting to get chilly outside...let's head to the library!!



182 N. Main Street
541-562-5811

Books For All Ages
Audio Books
Movies
Computers & Wireless Connection

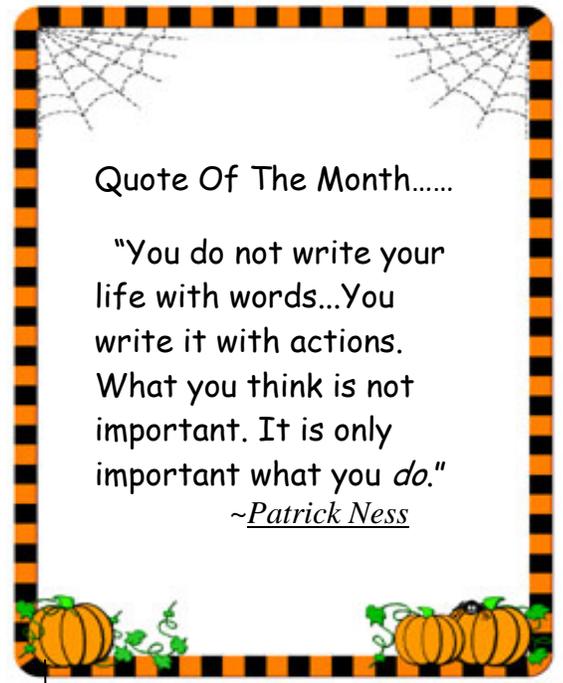


Visit Your Local Library Today!!

Council Seat Opens Up

City Council wish's Councilmen Bryan Russell farewell as he turned in his resignation September 14th. Bryan and his wife Maryellen have purchased a new home across the valley. A special thank you to Bryan for his time spent working long nights with his fellow elected officials. Best of luck to him and his family in their new location.

City Council will be taking applications through the month of October to fill the 3 years term seat. The Councils regular meeting is the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. Council also serves on the budget committee which meets in late winter early spring. Council will meet periodically throughout the month if needed, usually in the evenings. Training is provided. Applications can be picked up at city hall or down loaded from the city website. If you have further questions please call Sandra Patterson 541-562-5197.



PRESERVATION PAYS

Dollar for dollar historic preservation is one of the highest job generating economic development engines available according to Oregon Parks and Recreation. In Oregon every \$1 million invested in residential historic rehabilitation projects created on average \$783,000 in local household incomes. Owners of historic properties in Oregon can take advantage of federal and state tax incentive programs to help rehabilitate historic buildings. In 2009 the proposed investment in historic rehabilitation projects was the second highest in the history of the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive program, despite the recent downturn in the economy.

Oregon Parks and Recreation posted on their website tourism is one of Oregon's largest industries contributing \$7 billion to the economy with 42% of those people visiting small towns like Union, 28% visit historic sites like Union and 18 % visiting historic areas like Union. Heritage tourists to Oregon tend to spend more money, are more likely to use a hotel, motel or bed and breakfast and are more likely to stay longer in one place. Oregon Parks and Recreation studies have shown historic downtown's serve as tourist destinations, attract festivals and events and can be a tremendous draw in keeping a local labor force. What does this mean for Union, a bright future.

As Union's Historic Preservation Committee becomes more established education and funding will become available to both local businesses and home owners of historic properties. To learn more contact Sandra Patterson or one of your appointed histoirc preservation committee members.

Source; <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/NATREG/pages/index.aspx>



Cattle Drive.....

When the bottom fell out of the cattle market in the 1870's you couldn't give away a cow in eastern Oregon. So a few men in Union, with vision and guts, conceived a plan to trail cattle from here to the railhead in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In 1875, Fred Nodine and John Perley drove the first herd ever taken out. And until the railroad came through in the '80s it was an annual trip.

There were always hostile Indians between Union and Cheyenne and once on a drive they were met by Sitting Bull and five hundred warriors. Fred knew the chief personally and rode away from the herd to meet with him. Sitting Bull demanded camp meat and good riding horses. He offered to pay a fair price. It was decided that the Indians would take one steer at \$30 and the horse Fred was riding, a Hulin stallion, for \$350.

Sitting Bull and his warriors, satisfied, rode away.

And the greatest trail drives in history went on.

~City of Victorian Heritage, Union Centennial Album



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			6:00 pm	
City of Union Chamber	2 nd Tues of the month	See Nick @ Union Drug	12:30	www.visitunionor.org
City Council	2 nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	1 st Wed of the month	Health Clinic	5:00 pm	541-562-6134
CUP Senior Assisted Living	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays			
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
EOLS Board	2 nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:30 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 rd Friday of the month	First Baptist Church	10-noon	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tuesday of the month	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Library Board	3 rd Wed of the month	Library	4:00 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
School Board	2 nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	7:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	3 rd Tues of the month	Health Clinic	7:00 pm	541-562-6180
TOPS	Every Wednesday	United Methodist Church	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

