

City of Union News Letter

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

CITY HALL HOURS: Mon thru Thurs 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Open during lunch

December 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



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Your generous donation has the power to make this a very Merry Christmas for the children of your community!

Your local Emergency Service Department is requesting your help with their annual Toy's For Tot's donation drive.

A small donation of a new unwrapped toy or game, gloves, hats, or cash (which the department will purchase needed items) are just a few suggestions.

Gifts are needed for children 12 and younger.

Look for donation boxes at your local business and at City Hall

Help make this a special Christmas for a child who might otherwise go without. All your donations are tax deductible, and receipts are available upon request.

Contact Laura at City Hall if you have questions.
541-562-5197



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONTEST

Last Months
Photo Location:
No Winner....



The historic hidden marker is located on City Halls, north east corner. There were several guesses for the Masonic Lodge for the obvious reason. The Masonic symbol above the word MAYOR leads one to believe the post office was the location.

What is known about this marker, the property that city hall is built on, was donated in 1891 by the current mayor. Local historian has suggested the mayor was a Mason, which explains the symbol and the wording MAYOR. Thanks to all that participated.

Union's Historic Preservation Committee wants to raise community awareness of historic preservation and promote better awareness of architectural details, cultural history and Union's historic past. Drop off your guess at City Hall or email your guess to cityhall@cityofunion.com. A prize will be awarded to the winner!

This Months Photo:



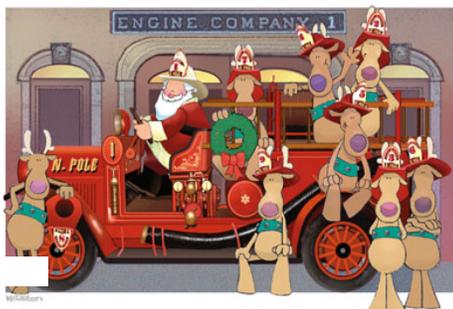
Winner will be announced in next month's newsletter
Good Luck!

Historic Committee members, city employees and family members may not participate.

Quote of the month....

"Christmas, is not a date. It is
a state of mind. "

~ Mary Ellen Chase



From The Fire Chief....

Fire & Ambulance Personnel Training....

On November 7th the Union Volunteer Fire & EMS Department had an essential training in motor vehicle accident response, extrication, medical and safety.

Each year the department's volunteers have training and refresher courses to insure the citizens of Union and the surrounding area receive the very best service. Both fire and ambulance crews have specific rolls when responding to a motor vehicle accident. Scene and traffic safety, extrication, and patient medical care to name a few.

This year's training was attended by over a dozen volunteers! Have you Thanked a volunteer lately? Each of them put in hours of personal time away from home, family and work to provide us all with excellent professional care.

Happy Holidays From Union Volunteer Fire & EMS!





Annual Christmas Tree Raffle!



*It's time for The Friends of the Library's annual Christmas Tree Raffle!
The tree is up, the lights are on, and the Friends are busy!*

We are selling raffle tickets on our "North Pole" tree, all its decorations and the gifts under the tree.

Tickets are only \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

With a \$20.00 purchase you receive a beautiful beaded snowflake!

We have that perfect gift for the children on your Christmas list. A brightly colored storage crate to put toys, books, shoes, etc. in and the top is cushioned so it makes a seat too. These are \$19.99 and can be purchased at the library or The KnitKabob.

The library's Holiday Open House is December 16th from 6~8pm. Santa will be there for pictures, lots of goodies to snack on and the raffle drawings will take place then. Bring the whole family and join in the holiday fun!

An ornament making class will be held Friday, December 11th for children age 6 and up.

Sign up at the Library or call 541~562~5811

With the wonderful support we have received from our community in 2015 we have been able to purchase \$890 in books, \$300 in audio books, \$350 Summer Reading supplies and prizes, \$360 of additional shelving and \$900 of entertainment for children and adults.

*A big THANK YOU to our supporters! Stop in today and enjoy your library!
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from The Friends of the Library!*



House Numbers!

In case of an emergency is your house easy to find?

Winter is a beautiful season. But it is also a time of many emergencies such as fires, falls, flu's and other illnesses. Make sure EMS personnel can locate your home! Install your house numbers today! Numbers should be large enough to see from the road and placed so that they are visible from front and sides of property.

Remember; **Time is essential when there is an emergency.
**Make your home easy for responders to locate.



**Beginning December 1, 2015
the public transit services
between La Grande and
Elgin/Union will evolve toward**



**a more passenger centered delivery model. Please see
our website for details and/or to leave public comment!**

www.neotransit.org

Union's 2016 Senior Class Christmas tree pickup fundraiser.

The senior class will be picking up
Christmas trees on
Saturday January 9th.

Donations are greatly appreciated
as it will help fund the senior trip.
Thank you to the
community for your
continued support.



Contact: Nick at 541-910-6952



Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Enter your civic club, youth group, classic car, family or business to have a float or march in the parade. Prizes for the top 3 best Contact Julie @ 541-562-5641



Music, Chili & corn bread,
hot beverages and goodies



Its a festive, fun filled, illuminated
holiday to celebrate the
community spirit of the season

Sunday, Dec 6th @ 4:00pm downtown

Prevent Frozen Pipes!!

It's that time again!! Freezing weather and water pipes can be a costly mixture! Frozen pipes can rupture, resulting in costly pipe repairs and flood damage. When it's below freezing the city recommends citizens to do the following:



- *Let your faucets **trickle**
- *Leave cabinet doors open to let the warmth to reach
- *Remove hoses from all outside faucets, including frost-free faucets
- *Insulate outside faucets and pipes under the house

If your pipes do happen to freeze, **do not** thaw them with a torch. Instead Thaw them slowly by directing warm air from a hair dryer, moving the heat along the pipe, do not direct heat on just one spot.

WHERE IS THAT SNOWPLOW!?

The City of Union Public Works Department does not plow city streets unless we have **six inches or more** of snow. When we do plow we only plow the streets, we do not plow driveways.

The snowplow has the right of way:

If one is behind you, move off to the side.
Do Not attempt to pass.



Don't follow too closely:

The sander mechanism is spraying out fine gravel at relatively high speed. Following too closely is risking your windshield and car. Please drive careful!

Happy Holiday's from your Public Works Crew

Survey.....

Now that the State of Oregon has legalized marijuana, allowing every homeowner to grow 4 marijuana plants do you support the following establishments in the city limits? Marijuana processing sites, medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana producers, marijuana processors, marijuana wholesalers and marijuana retailers.

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Please return by December 28th, 2015. Drop off at city hall or email cityhall@cityofunion.com
Thank you for your participation



Mountain Of Snow



To say that the winter of 1916-17 was cold is to put it mildly. There was a hundred-day stretch where the temperature rose above freezing only three times. And on those occasions it was so close that it still hurt – once, a single degree and twice, two degrees.

That winter more than 85 inches of snow fell on Union. It was piled everywhere and after a while the town looked as if it had shrunk.

At Hot Lake, E.L Larn said it was the worst snow he had ever known and he had lived there for thirty years. He said his orchard and drifted twenty-feet deep.

Deer were driven from the mountains and came to town for free handouts. Birds either migrated out or moved onto front porches.



~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		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
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

