

City of Union Oregon **Newsletter**

"PROMOTE RURAL VALUES, PROTECT LOCAL ASSETS AND FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE"

City Hall

Monday Thursday 10 am ~ 5pm
CLOSED for Lunch Noon ~ 2 pm
Fridays CLOSED

Union Carnegie Library

Monday 10 am ~ 6pm
Tuesday ~ Thursday 10am ~ 5pm
Fridays 10 am ~ 4 pm

OPEN SEATS AVAILABLE FOR CITY COUNCIL

Seat #4 Term will End Dec 31st 2026

Seat #5 Term Will End Dec 31st 2028

We Are Accepting Applications For City Council



If you would like to become more involved in your community and have an interest in city government this is an opportunity to make that happen. For more information regarding the duties of The City Council or to pick up a Council Application Please Come by City Hall or call 541-562-5197. Monday - Thursday 10am to 5pm

Ordinance Education Corner....

STORAGE: 71.033

(A) It is unlawful to store or permit the storing of a discarded vehicle upon any private property within the city unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building or fence, or unless it is in connection with a business enterprise dealing in junked vehicles lawfully conducted with the city. All vehicles will have sight securing from the right-of-way(s) and other private property.

(B) The open accumulation and storage of a discarded vehicle is found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight, deterioration and unsightliness, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, to create a harborage for rodents and insects and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare. Therefore, the presence of a discarded vehicle on private or public property is declared to constitute a public nuisance, which may be abated in accordance with the provisions of the chapter.

PERMIT TO TEMPORARILY PARK AN OCCUPIED VISITOR'S TRAILER 154.07

(A) The owner, lessee or occupant of a parcel of real property within the city of Union, Oregon, upon which a visitor's trailer coach is to be parked, must first obtain a permit to allow said parking from the City Recorder of the City of Union or designee before allowing the same. The applicant shall complete a detailed application form at City Hall, which will be kept on file for emergency purposes. A permit will be issued that must be placed in a window of the trailer coach that is visible from a city street. The owner, lessee or occupant of a parcel of real property can apply for three permits in one calendar year.

(B) A permit for the temporary parking of an occupied visitor's trailer coach for a period not to exceed 14 days shall be issued by the city recorder or designee of the city of Union, providing that the following conditions are complied with:

- (1) The trailer coach shall not remain within the city of Union, Oregon, more than 14 days, unless a variance permit was granted as outlined in § [154.05](#);
- (2) The trailer coach shall not be parked upon any dedicated street or alley or service entry or sidewalk;
- (3) The trailer coach shall not be parked closer than five feet from any property line or ten feet from any building occupied for residential purposes, unless otherwise requested by Public Works or Fire Department;
- (4) The occupants of the trailer coach shall not use sanitary facilities of said trailer while it is temporarily parked, except those of self-contained units and units hooked up to adequate sewage disposal facilities; and
- (5) Electrical connection to the trailer coach shall be by weatherproof cable. The trailer coach shall be properly grounded.

THE RECYCLE BINS ARE FULL!! WHAT DO I DO NOW!?!.....

DO NOT DUMP ANY OF YOUR RECYCLE ON THE GROUND IF THE BINS ARE FULL!! THE BEST ACTION TO DO IF YOU CAN'T FIT YOUR RECYCLE IN THE BIN IS TO BRING IT BACK ANOTHER DAY. YES, IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN FACING A FINE FOR DUMPING TRASH. THE CITY IS NOT THE OWNER'S OR MANAGER OF THE RECYCLE BINS, BUT IT IS CITY PROPERTY THAT THEY ARE LOCATED ON, AND THE CITY CAN FINE A PERSON WHO DUMPS 'TRASH' (INCLUDING RECYCLE ITEMS NOT INSIDE THE BIN).

THE RECYCLE BINS ARE PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO THE CITY OF UNION, AND WASTEPRO IS CALLED AS SOON AS IT IS OBSERVED THAT THE BINS ARE FULL. THEY ARE THEN PICKED UP AS SOON AS THE DRIVERS FROM WASTEPRO CAN SCHEDULE A TIME. DUMPING RECYCLE AND/OR TRASH ON THE GROUND COULD CAUSE THE LOSS OF THE RECYCLE BINS ALTOGETHER.

PLEASE LET US KNOW AT CITY HALL AND WE CAN CALL WASTEPRO 541-562-5197

DON'T FORGET....THERE ARE CAMERA'S LOCATED AT AND AROUND THE RECYCLE AREA & FINES ARE BEING ENFORCED



Burn Ban In Effect

There is a burn ban in effect beginning July 1st and goes through the summer months until September 30th.

Please note: The city follows the regulations of the county, so if the county extends the burn ban the city will also extend their burn ban.

The City's Website is going through some changes. Please be understanding while we work through the changes and updates. You can contact City Hall

Mon ~ Thur 8:00 am to 5:00 pm 541-562-5197. Also follow us on Facebook for notices, posting and other information. Good things are coming soon!!



Union Carnegie Public Library

~August Activities~

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRACK YOUR READING TIME TO TRADE IT FOR PRIZES, & JOIN US FOR FREE EVENTS. IF AN EVENT HAS AN ASTERISK (*) NEXT TO THE NAME PLEASE RE-REGISTER AS SEATING IS LIMITED.



AUGUST ACTIVITIES:

AGES 0-5 START TIME IS 10:00 AM

8/4 *POOL NOODLE HORSE RACES

8/11 PUZZLES

8/18 PLAY KITCHEN

8/25 HOJALATA ART

SCHOOL AGE ~ ALL EVENT START AT 10:00 AM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

8/3 DIRT SLIME

8/5 PLANTER POT PAINTING

ADULT ALL EVENT START AT 5:00 PM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

8/3 *CANNING PARTY (2 HOUR CLASS) 4:00 PM COMM. CENTER

8/10 CLAY HERB STRIPPERS

ALL AGES ALL EVENT START AT 10:00 AM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

8/6 *ICE CREAM IN A BAG

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY EVENT. SIGN UPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY * EVENTS WITH AN ASTERISK WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SIGN UP THROUGH LIBRARY DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLIES.

PLEASE REDEEM YOUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM PRIZES BY AUGUST 14TH SO WE CAN TRANSITION TO OUR AUTUMN/SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We Will Resume Our Regular Tuesday Storytime's from 10 ~ 11 am on August 11th

We Will Continue our Adult Craft Nights, Select Mondays from 5:00 ~ 6:00 pm August 24th

8/24 Flower Frogs

8/31 Horse Hair Bracelets

Thank you to the Roundhouse Foundation for granting us \$5000 toward our summer program to encourage traditional crafts and folk art that can be turned into profit-making side businesses that promote our region's cultural heritage.

UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

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TIFFANY DERICHSCWEILER ~ LIBRARIAN



It's story
TIME

THANK YOU TO THE READY TO READ PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDING

THANK YOU TO FRIENDS OF THE UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SUPPORTING & FUNDING A VARIETY OF OUR SUMMER EVENTS

A full list of events is also available on our Facebook page, Union OR Carnegie Library!

THANK YOU TO THE ROUNDHOUSE FOUNDATION FOR GRANTING US \$5000 TO ELEVATE OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM!
WE WERE ABLE TO CONTRACT WITH AMAZING PROVIDERS TO BRING OUR BEST SUMMER LINE UP YET!



What's Happening at the Museum....

In addition to our many displays there are two special events happening in August. The Third Tuesday program August 18 at 7 pm, at the Little White Church will focus on a truly historic theme--Time. It will include history, science and a unique clock display presented by Steve Wadner. On Saturday August 29 "Pioneer Days" in the Museum courtyard feature many fun and hands-on activities from the past.

Hopefully this warm summer weather is speeding up the ripening of all the cherry trees located in Cove and Union. Early in the 1900's local growers discovered cherry trees flourished in the area. Royal Anne, Bing and Lambert were the main varieties grown. Royal Anne cherries were named after an English queen. Bing cherries got their name from a Chinese horticulturist who created this strain from inferior trees after years of culturing and breeding. The Lambert was named after the gentleman who developed it.

Recently the Museum received some postcards from the early 1900's. One of these cards was a picture of a cherry branch from a Cove orchard. The branch was 9 inches long containing 131 cherries. The 131 cherries weighed 1 and 3/4 pounds. Other cards had pictures of an American Eagle in flight, an American flag and an eagle with its wings folded, all created from different cherry varieties.

Citizens of Cove were interested in the growing of cherries whether they owned trees or not. In 1910 Cove hosted its first Cherry Fair which began with a parade. The king and queen were privileged to ride in an automobile which apparently was not easy to find at that time. The car was followed by carriages, horse-back riders and horse drawn floats. After the parade the crowd gathered at the Ascension Grounds for a program. All of the cherries arranged as art were displayed in French Hall. At noon the ladies from the Methodist Church provided a fabulous dinner consisting of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy and, of course, cherry pie. There was even a special train running between Cove, Hot Lake and Union so folks could attend the event. In the afternoon there was a baseball game and the day ended with a well attended dance.

One interesting fact is that in 1957 it was estimated that more than \$100,000.00 worth of cherries went through the Cove packing sheds.

Times have changed but it is still a summer treat to go to the Cove Cherry Fair where cherries are the main attraction and cherry ice cream is the BEST, although an old fashioned fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings sounds scrumptious also.

Enjoy the fruits of August. Hope to see you at the Museum events.



Snippet of Union's History.....

Small towns throughout the state are complaining of an ingenious soap swindle which is being worked. Female agents, claiming to be from Chicago canvass at houses leaving a cake of soap as a sample. They return and ask the lady to sign a printed "testimonial" the same to be presented to the grocers to influence the latter to handle the trade. The testimonials afterwards turn up as "orders" calling for soap in various quantities at fancy prices. The wording of the so-called "testimonial" is very ingenious.

La Grande Observer January 31, 1889

Public Works notice to citizens.....

Multiple projects will be happening this summer, we ask that citizens use caution when approaching work areas. Projects often require large equipment, which are loud and it may not be possible for workers to always hear cars, trucks etc. around them. City workers may also be moving around while gathering tools or parts from other equipment or service trucks.



Please slow down, be aware of your surroundings and any hazards that could be present. If at all possible take an alternate route to get where you need to go.

August 2026 FOG SEAL August 20–21 2026

Bellwood

W Delts

E Dearborn

Our Public Works crew thanks you!

S Gale

E Harrison



PARK USE REQUEST

Applicants shall be bound by all city rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances. Applicants may be required at their own expense to retain liability insurance. No motorized vehicles are allowed in park except on roads provided for such use. Groups are requested to observe common rules, including concerning avoidance of unnecessary noise which might disturb other groups using facility or citizens residing near facility and surrounding area.

Applicants are responsible for cleanup of extra waste, and must haul off park premises.

I request the keys to the restrooms located at the back of the park, with the understanding I will leave the restrooms clean and orderly. I will return keys to City Hall in a timely manner and in the instance of losing keys understand that a re-key charge will be paid.

City Employees are not responsible or available to access the restrooms located at the back of the park.

The City of Union does not provide supplies for your event such as (hoses, ext cords, BBQ's, tables, horse shoes, etc) you must bring your own.

(This is not a reservation and does not guarantee the area requested will be available. We suggest you arrive earlier than your time requested the day of the event to hold your desired area in the City Park)



EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

Please contact the City Hall Office for forms and instructions. You will be asked to provide a detailed drawing of the area you wish to close, the type of event, along with dates and times.



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ordinances
- ⇒ College Street Bridge
- ⇒ Committees working on the City Charter, Water/Sewer, Zoning, Trails, and Ordinances



~City Council Members ~

Trisha Seale Kori Cox
Anita Boyer-Davis Jay Blackburn

Mayor Susan Hawkins



Council Meetings

Agendas & Minutes

August 2026

August 10th

Work Session @ 6:00 pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 24th

Work Session @ 6:00 pm
Special Meeting @ 7:00 pm

All meetings are held
in the Leonard
Almquist Chambers at
City Hall.



ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
Catherine Creek Community Center	4th Thursday of month	Community Center	6:00pm	541-562-2038
City of Union Chamber	2nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@coni.com
City Council	2nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 nd & 4 th Mon of month	City Hall	6.00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	251 S Main	6:00 pm	541-910-6268
Order of Eastern Star	2nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	
EOLS Board	2nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 rd Friday of the month	Catherine Creek Comm Ctr	10-11:00am	541-562-2038
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	5:30 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 rd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation Commission	3rd Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	Feb 27th, May 22nd, Aug 21st	Library	9:00am	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 rd Tues of the month	Catherine Creek Comm Ctr	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Mainstreet Union & Economic Development	2nd Wednesday of the month	Call contact # for location	7:00 pm	541-910-7048
Planning Commission work session	4th Tuesday of the month	City Hall	5:00 pm	541-562-5197
Planning Commission business meeting			6:00 pm	
Senior / Community Meals	2nd Friday of the month	Catherine Creek Community Center	12:00 pm	541-562-2038
School Board	2nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	6:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	Last Friday of month / Oct, Jan, April, and July	Health Clinic	1:30 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 nd Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
Union FFA Alumni & Supporters	3rd Wednesday	UHS Ag Science Classroom at the back of the gym	6:30pm	541-975-9495
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar