

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 GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2026

Mayor	2 year term
Council Seat #2	4 year term
Council Seat #4	4 year term
Council Seat #6	4 year term



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 an office or the process of filing call City Hall at 541-562-5197

Candidate filing packets (forms and signature sheets) are available at City Hall. Filing opens June 3rd, and the deadline to have filing papers returned to City Hall is August 13th by 5:00pm, so that we can get them to the County Clerk's office with time for them to review before the county's deadline. If any changes need to be made this gives us time for candidates to correct any errors. If you would like to return your filing papers directly to the Union County Clerk's office you may, their deadline is August 25th by 5:00pm.

Ordinance Education Corner....

FIREWORKS:

131.031 Fireworks

- (A) It shall be a violation for a person to possess or discharge any illegal fireworks or explosives, including any pyrotechnic devices that has a report, explosion or leaves the ground.
- (B) The sale of any illegal fireworks or explosives shall be a violation.
- (C) It shall be a violation for a person to discharge permitted fireworks in dry grass, leaves or any other location where they may contact dry, combustible materials. (Ord. 461, passed 6-8-1998) Penalty see 131.999

DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT FIRES:

131.019 Disorderly Conduct at Fires

- (A) No person *at* or near a *fire* shall obstruct or impede the fighting of the *fire*, interfere with *Fire* Department personnel or *Fire* Department apparatus, behave in a *disorderly* manner or refuse to observe promptly an order of a member of the *Fire* or Police Department.
- (B) For purposes of this section, members of the Fire Department are endowed with the same powers of arrest as are conferred upon peace officers for violations of city ordinances.

DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

131.020 Drinking in Public Places

- (A) No person shall drink or consume alcoholic liquor in or upon a street, alley, mall, parking lot or structure, motor vehicle, public grounds or other public places unless licensed for that purpose by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.
- (B) No person shall be intoxicated or under the control of a controlled substance in a public place or in any place exposed to public view and conduct himself or herself in such a fashion as to interfere with, cause inconvenience or obstruct the free use of any street, sidewalk, public gathering, park, public golf course or other public way or conveyance.



THUNDER AT THE PEAK

July 4th Fireworks Show

Buffalo Peak Golf Course

Be a sponsor for the 2026 Thunder at The Peak!
Celebrate Independence Day in a big way by sponsoring Thunder at the Peak, Union County's annual 4th of July fireworks show at Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union Oregon! This event draws families and visitors from all over for an evening of community spirit, music, and a dazzling fireworks display that lights up the night sky. Your partnership helps keep this event free and fun for all. Let's make this year's celebration one to remember!!

Contact City of Union Chamber of Commerce to make your donation today! Call Donna at 541-786-1492

or mail your donation to

City of Union Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 76 Union, OR 97883



NORTH EAST OREGON CHRISTIAN COWBOYS



RODEO BIBLE CAMP

July 5-9th, 2026

Ages: 13-18 Fee: \$100

Union, Oregon

To sign up: rodeobiblecamp.org
For more info: Call or text 541-805-0234



BE A RESPECTFUL PARK USER

WE ALL LOVE TO VISIT OUR CITY PARK. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER DAY OR EVENING. AND YES, OUR DOGS LOVE VISITING THE PARK WITH US.....BUT NOT EVERYONE WHO VISITS THE PARK IS A DOG LOVER. THERE ARE MANY ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO ARE AFRAID OF DOGS. ALTHOUGH WE FEEL OUR DOGS ARE SAFE, WE SHOULD ALL BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

PARK RULES STATE: ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH AND NOT ALLOWED TO RUN AT LARGE.

NO ONE WANTS TO STEP IN POO.....

THERE ARE DOGGY POO BAGGY STATIONS AT THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE PARK AS WELL AS TRASH BINS. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND DISPOSE OF PROPERLY.

THE CITY WORKERS WORK HARD TO KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL FOR ALL TO USE. TAKE TIME TO HAVE A PICNIC, TAKE A STROLL ON THE WALK PATH, SIT ON A BENCH AND LISTEN TO THE CREEK, HAVE A FAMILY REUNION, HAVE A WEDDING OR JUST TAKE THE KIDS TO THE ENCLOSED PLAY GROUND.

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL PARK, ENJOY IT TODAY!



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!!





PHARMACEUTICAL KIOSK IN UNION

The Union Medical Clinic has recently installed a pharmaceutical kiosk that will allow customers of Red Cross Drugs to pick up their prescriptions in Union. It is located just off of the main waiting room and has a refrigerated side with 10 cubbies for drugs like insulin and a room temperature side with another 10 cubbies for all other medications.

It is simple to use. Red Cross Drugs will fill the secure lockers with people's medicine daily and then send a code to the patient's phone that allows them to open the locked cubby door. There is also a built-in computer screen and a hand-held phone receiver if people want to have a private conversation with a pharmacist.

This kiosk has been made possible with financial help from the Pharmacy Foundation of Oregon, Grande Ronde Hospital, Red Cross Drugs and CUP, the Cove, Union, Powder Medical Association.

The hours of operation will be the same as the clinic's, Monday through Thursday 7 am until 6 pm. Everyone associated with the Kendall Baxter Medical Clinic hopes this will be a success and will help the local community have an easier time getting their medications.



Mark Your Calendar!

♦ Thunder at The Peak

Fireworks ~ Music ~ Vendors

♦ Rodeo Bible Camp

July 5th ~ 9th

Ages 13-18 Fee \$100

Cowboy & Cowgirl events!

Thursday July 9th

Rodeo, Auction & Raffle

♦ MainStreet Blues & Brews

July 31st

Beer Garden ~ Artisans ~ Music

♦ Grassroots Festival

August 8th

Car Show ~ Music ~ Vendors

Duck Race ~ Family Street Dance

Fun for the whole family!



Do you have an upcoming event you would like listed in our newsletter? Email heatherdaggett@cityofunion.com with the information!

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.

If you have questions regarding the burn ban you can call city hall.





On the Original Oregon Trail Hwy

Mission: to Organize and Promote Constructive Relationships Between Local Government Bodies, Private Business and Citizens

Main Street Musings for June 2026

Main Street Union met June 10th at RattleTale coffee shop at 6pm for its business meeting. Topics discussed were the upcoming Family Roots Blues and Brews events schedule for June 26th and July 31st. Main Street Union's participation and responsibilities for the City of Union Chamber's Grassroots Festival was also discussed along with bringing on a REV Partner. Additional items included MSU's website, Public Address system acquisition, and Planters on Main.

The MSU website, mainstreetunion.org, is up with the FRBB poster for the June 26th event visible and available to be downloaded, sponsors are also being updated to this site as they are received. The website is still a work in progress but seems to be improving every month thanks to the help of the website committee and Cindy Edwards of Idea Web & Print ReDesign. The Musings Newsletter for January to current should be available soon along with other important information about Main Street Union's upcoming projects and a membership form for those wishing to join and participate in MSU's mission.

Family Roots Blues and Brews chair Nod Palmer provided an update for this summer's events. Wasteland Kings will be the headline band for the June 26th event and Elwood will perform on July 31st. Union City Librarian, Tiffany, is planning an ice cream and line dancing event prior to the Wasteland Kings performance, the library's activities will begin around 5pm. Different levels of FRBB sponsorships have been designed to accommodate vendors wishing to participate at these community building events with non-food vendors being provided spaces for the two events at a \$75 sponsorship, food vendors will be allowed with a minimum \$100 sponsorship, a complete list of sponsorship levels along with a participation form will be available below, its not too late to participate as a sponsor for the July 31st event.

Main Street Union has several members assisting the City of Union Chamber of Commerce on this year's Grassroots Festival; Jana Dick is working on vendors while Tara Brizendine will be in charge of the Car Show. I'm sure you will see Donna Beverage-Chamber President driving up, down, and through the event in her golf cart making sure the event goes well for the participants and vendors. A schedule of events will be in the Musings next month as we get closer.

Planters on Main have been placed along Main Street thanks to project chairperson Meriah Williams. If you would like to reserve a planter for next year, please contact Meriah at Catherine Creek Garden and Gifts. Also, anyone wishing to help water the planters will be greatly appreciated.

Main Street Union could use new members with some willing to serve as chairpersons: one for Ziplly Park Maintenance, a second for MSU's new Organization Coordinating, and a third for transitioning some of the City of Union Chamber of Commerce activities to MSU. Ziplly park is the little park across Main Street from the Stoplight, it needs periodic mowing and weeding and possibly a little repair. The Organizations Coordinating Chairperson will be responsible for improving the communication between our community's other Civic Organizations, Churches, Schools, and City Government with Main Street Union. With no one source of community news/information it can be difficult for information to get to community members so it will be important to not only provide information through our Musings in the City Newsletter but also through Main Streets developing website and stronger communication ties with our fellow Civic Organizations, Churches, Schools, and Government. The Chamber Transition Chairperson will work with the City of Union Chamber of Commerce to bring some of its activities to MSU for consideration of adopting them as projects so they might continue.

Main Street Union members attending the June meeting documented 162 hours of volunteer time during the month of May this year and to date have volunteered over 720 hours serving our community in 2026.

Main Street Union meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm and will be meeting at RattleTale on July 8, 2026. Anyone interested in helping Union Build on Community Assets and Make Union the Quality Community we all wish to live, work, and invest in, are welcome. Contact Walt Brookshire-President at 541-805-8689 if you have questions about Main Street Union or ideas where the organization may help Our Community. If you would like to help on one of these important Community Events you may contact President Walt Brookshire at 541-805-8689 or email Main Street at mainstreetunion@gmail.com.



On the Original Old Oregon Trail Highway

Family Roots Blues & Brews 2026

Summer Events Sponsorship levels

June 26th & July 31st

one-time fee covers both events

Headliner Sponsorship Level \$500

- Logo on event website and social media pages**
- Recognition in event press releases and promotional materials**
- Event “sponsored by (business name)” for radio ads on rotating basis**
- Vendor space at the event to promote your business or offer your services**
 - May provide food service at this level**
- Logo on stage area event banner**

Rhythm & Roots Sponsorship Level \$100

- Vendor space at the event to promote your business or offer services**
 - Required level to provide food services**
- Logo on event website and social media pages**
- Recognition in event press releases and promotional materials**
- Logo on stage area event banner (small font and display than Headliner)**

Craft & Artists Sponsorship Level \$75

- Vendor space at the event to promote your business or offer services**
 - Rhythm & Roots level required to provide food services**
- Logo on event website and social media page**
- Recognition in event press releases and promotional materials**

Backyard Jammer Sponsorship Level \$50

- Logo on event website and social media posts**
- Recognition in event press releases and limited promotional materials**

Supporter Level any donation under \$50

- Name listed on event website and limited social media posts**

Tear off and return with your sponsorship level

10% of your sponsorship this year will be allocated to the restoration of Union’s Historic Purcell Memorial and the replanting of the “Peace Rose”

Business or Organization Name _____

Sponsorship level _____

Will you need booth/table space? _____

Contact email or phone# _____

Contact person _____

Please provide a “Logo” (vectored is best) we could use on the banner & in our social media.



Union Carnegie Public Library

~July Activities~



SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKS OFF JUNE 8TH! SIGN UP NOW AT THE UNION 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.

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

AGES 0-5 START TIME IS 10:00 AM

- 7/7 VEGGIE STAMPS
- 7/14 FARM ANIMAL MEMORY GAME
- 7/21 *ICE CREAM IN A BAG
- 7/28 FAIRY BREAD ANIMALS
- 8/4 *POOL NOODLE HORSE RACES
- 8/11 PUZZLES
- 8/18 PLAY KITCHEN

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

- 7/1 BASKETBALL GAME
- 7/2 *GO~STEM BUILD YOUR OWN KITE
- 7/8 PAPER SEED BOMBS
- 7/13 FINGER KNITTING PARTY
- 7/13-7/17 *LEGO ROBOTICS
- 7/16 THIS LITTLE PIGGY
- 7/22 CLOTHES PIN DOLLS
- 7/27 *HORSE MANES
- 7/29 VEGGIE MAKEUP

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

- 7/6 *DROP SPINDLES
- 7/13 *SPINNING WOOD
- 7/20 FINISHING SALT
- 7/27 *MILK PAINT MINI BARN QUILTS
- 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

- 7/6 PLANT MAKERS
- 7/9 CUPCAKE WALK CITY PARK
- 7/15 SEED MOSAIC NECKLACES
- 7/20 MILK MARBLED PAPER
- 7/23 COSTUME CONTEST AT THE GAZEBO CITY PARK
- 7/30 PJ'S, POPCORN, & A MOVIE
- 8/6 *ICE CREAM IN A BAG

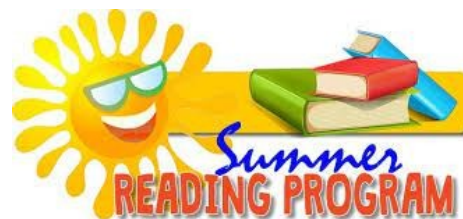
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY EVENT. SIGN UPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

* EVENTS WITH AN ASTERISK WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SIGN UP THROUGH LIBRARY DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLIES.

A FULL LIST OF JUNE & JULY SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY OR AT CITY HALL.



UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
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541~562~5811
TIFFANY DERICHSWELER ~ LIBRARIAN



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

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

THANK YOU TO THE LIONS CLUB FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN THE OELS PARADE!

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....

Summer visitors are enjoying the history found in the Museum. Truly there is such a rich variety of displays everyone is assured of finding something unique and of special interest.

One item I found in the Museum files was a folder containing information about the Union County Fair which first started September 22, 1872. If you haven't driven by the FairGrounds lately you missed a flurry of activity thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Fair Board. The FairGrounds now has city water and sewer which solved many logistical problems from the past and will be much appreciated by everyone attending the Fair Wednesday, July 29 through Saturday, August 1.

That first fair in 1872 was organized by the Union County Agricultural Society with the very first Fair Board of Directors consisting of Sam Hannah, James Henderschott, James Rinehart, P.E. Wade, William Proebstel, D.W. Lichtenthaler, D. Chaplin. W.W. Baker, M. Reese and Thomas Baird. This group of gentlemen held fairs for several years and owned a number of buildings and a race track east of La Grande.

The next move for the Fair was due to the legislative act creating The East Oregon Agricultural Society comprised of Union and Wallowa Counties. This group was given \$2,000.00 for fair premiums. This society owned several buildings and a race track between Island City and La Grande on property owned by Grover Grimmett and F.M Huffman.

The next move was to the area where the Mt, Emily Lumber Company stood and is the current fair location today.

In 1928 to 1929 the La Grande Chamber of Commerce began home product shows. That was the first time granges throughout

the valley got involved. Competition was fierce between all of the granges that had booths. Months were spent by grangers creating elaborate pictorial displays using local grains and produce.

This year's Union County Fair theme is COUNTRY PRIDE--COUNTY WIDE. It would be a great time for folks to get involved and take home grown produce, flowers, home canned goods, baked items and even animals to make this fair a showcase of what is growing in Union County.

Mark the third Tuesday evening in July for an ice cream social and fun filled event in the Museum's courtyard. Is there anything more delicious in the summer than homemade ice cream? See you there.
More next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

Two women, riding in a Washington car and whose names were not learned, had a fortunate escape from serious injury yesterday three miles from Union. They were driving along the Old Oregon Trail highway about 5 o'clock when a bee got into the car. In attempting to "swat" the intruder the driver lost control of the car and it went into a gravel pit. The car landed in about a foot of water, but did not overturn. The women were unhurt.

La Grande Observer July 23, 1930

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.



JULY 2026

East Elm Street will Have a Couple Days of Prep for chip Seal Approx (July 9~14)

East Elm Chip Seal is currently set for July 20th.

Our Public Works crew thanks you!



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 John Black
Jay Blackburn
Mayor Susan Hawkins



Council Meetings

Agendas & Minutes

July 2026

July 13th

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

July 27th

Work Session @ 6:00 pm

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

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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