

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....

Abandoned Vehicle: Left unoccupied and unclaimed or in a damaged or dismantled condition upon the streets or alleys of the city.

71.125 IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES.

(A) Whenever a vehicle is placed in a manner or location that constitutes an obstruction to traffic or a hazard to public safety, law enforcement shall order the owner or operator of the vehicle to remove it. If the vehicle is unattended, the officer may cause the vehicle to be towed and stored at the owner's expense. The owner shall be liable for the costs of towing and storing, notwithstanding that the vehicle was parked by another, or that the vehicle was initially parked in a safe manner but subsequently became an obstruction or hazard.

(B) The disposition of a vehicle towed and stored under authority of this section shall be in accordance with the provisions relating to impoundment and disposition of vehicles abandoned on the city streets.

(C) The impoundment of a vehicle will not preclude the issuance of a citation for violation of a provision of this chapter.

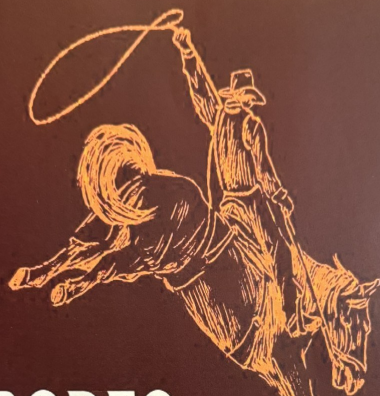
(D) Stolen vehicles may be towed from public or private property and stored at the expense of the vehicle owner.

City code enforcement pays close attention to vehicles parked or abandoned in the city rights-of-way. Vehicle will be tagged at least 24 hours prior to towing to give vehicle owner to remove that vehicle.





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



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



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!!



Father's Day ~ June 21st

You don't need to go very far, or spend a lot to show your love this Father's Day....a few ideas:

- * Have an indoor picnic! Plus side? You don't have to worry about bugs!
- * Fly a Kite! We always have enough wind for kite flying!
- * Go bird watching! Sit out in your backyard or city park, grab your binoculars for a nature filled day. See how many birds you can find and identify
- * Go on a bike ride! Dust off those bikes and ride around the neighborhood
- * Have an outdoor family movie night! Hang a white bed sheet and project a movie onto a screen via a projector
- * Have a paint night! Trace images onto a canvas for easy painting and let your imagination come through

Happy
Father's
Day



*Don't allow someone else to
decide what you are capable
of....you decide what you want to
accomplish.*

-Amberley Snyder



EOLS JUNE 7 ~ JUNE 14 GENERATIONS OF CHAMPIONS

June 7th ~ Rodeo Royalty Horsemanship & Assessment @ 12pm
Horse showmanship @ 5pm

June 8th ~ Horse western classes @ 9am
4-H and FFA horse judging @ 2pm
4-H and FFA small animal check in @ 3:30pm
4-H and FFA small animal show @ 4pm

June 9th ~ 4-H and FFA English classes @ 9am
Gaming (following English Classes) 11 am
4-H and FFA horse show awards following
conclusion of Gaming
Queens coronation @ 7pm (EOLS Club House)

June 10th ~ 4-H and FFA market animal weigh in @ 2pm-7pm
4-H and FFA dairy goat showmanship @ 3pm

June 11th ~ Cowboy breakfast @ 6:30am
4-H and FFA livestock Market Class @ 8 am
4-H and FFA livestock Judging @ 3:30 pm
Ed Miller xtreme bulls @ 6:30pm

June 12th ~ Cowboy breakfast @ 6:30am
4-H and FFA market classes @ 8:30am
Main street parade @ 2pm
2025 Grand Marshall ~ Ron & Sandy Droke
PRCA rodeo & pari-mutuel racing @ 4pm
Adult Dance after the rodeo

June 13th ~ Cowboy breakfast @ 6:30am
4-H & FFA livestock auction @ 8am
PRCA rodeo & pari-mutuel racing @ 4pm
Adult dance after the rodeo

June 14th ~ Breakfast @ 8am - 9:30am
Stockshow Cowboy Church with guest speaker
Wes Price @ 10am
PRCA Rodeo & Pari-mutuel Horse Racing @ 1:30pm



Mark Your Calendar!

- ♦ **Eastern Oregon Livestock Show**
June 7th ~ 14th
- ♦ **MainStreet Blues & Brews**
June 26th
Beer Garden ~ Artisans ~ Music
- ♦ **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!





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 May 2026

Main Street Union met May 13th at RattleTale coffee shop at 6pm for its business meeting where President Walt Brookshire reported on the Oregon Main Street meeting he attended in Woodburn Oregon on April 29th. Ideas brought back from the meeting included: 1. Cultural murals on our old buildings depicting our community's importance as an early transportation hub and being "on The Original Old Oregon Trail Highway", 2. Need for Main Street Union to annually do a strategic planning meeting to look at one year, two year and long-term projects, 3. A couple of really interesting fund-raising projects.

Members reviewed the 2026 budget presented at the April meeting and approved. Projects that are current and being worked on include; Website, Family Root Blues and Brews with Library activity, Public Address system acquisition, Planters on Main, and EOLS parade float. Main Streets participation with City of Union Chamber of Commerce Grassroots celebration was also discussed.

The MSU website, mainstreetunion.org, is up with the FRBB poster for the June 26th event visible and available to be downloaded. 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 a line dancing event prior to the Wasteland Kings performance. With the help of President Elect John Baker, a PA system has been identified which should meet the needs of the organization. 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.

Chairperson Meriah Williams provided an update on the Planters on Main project; some modifications to planters will be done this spring and is hoping to have them out later in May or prior to Stock Show. As always, anyone wishing to help water the planters will be greatly appreciated.

Main Street Union could use a couple of chairpersons: one for Zipty Park Maintenance and a second for MSU's new Organization Coordinating. Zipty 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.

Main Street Union members attending the May meeting documented 170 hours of volunteer time during the month of April this year and to date have volunteered 558 hours serving our community in 2026.

Main Street Union **meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm** and will be meeting June 10 at RattleTale. 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

~June Activities~

STORYTIME JUNE 2ND IS OUR LAST UNTIL SUMMER READING ENDS

JUNE 2 WILL DO CHALK ART, & THEN SWITCH TO HOSTING 0-5 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

TUESDAY FROM 10 ~ 11 INTO AUGUST

COME SEE US AT THE STOCK SHOW PARADE!



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

6/9 KEEPY UPPY

6/16 PVC FORT

6/30 ANIMAL MIX UP

7/7 VEGGIE STAMPS

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

6/11 WATERMELON PLACEMAT WEAVING

6/15 * HOMEADE PASTA (KID+ADULT)

6/18 INVISIBLE INK

6/25 EGG DROP-TEST

6/29 FRUITY FANS

7/1 BASKETBALL GAME

7/2 * GO-STEM BUILD YOUR OWN KITE

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

6/8 * CHEESE TORTELLINI

6/15 PEELERS, COPPERS, & LAW DOGS:

LAW IN THE AGE OF STEM

6/17 * TORTILLA CLASS

6/29 * NEEDLE FELTING W/ CHRISTINE LOWER (3HR CLASS) 3:00 PM

7/6 *DROP SPINDLES

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

6/8 NO BAKE DOG TREATS

6/10 WOODS WISDOM 101-DON'T GET LOST

6/24 WOODS WISDOM 10-GETTING FOUND

6/24 BEE AMAZED! MINCH 2:00 PM COMM. CENTER

6/26 ROOTS BREWS & BLUES / ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5:00 PM CITY PARK

6/26 POWER PLAY FOR THE PLANET @ CATHERINE CREEK COMMUNITY

7/6 PLANT MARKERS

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 DERICHWEILER ~ LIBRARIAN



THANK YOU TO THE ROUNDHOUSE FOUNDATION & READY TO READ PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING GRANT
FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING.



What's Happening at the Museum....

The Museum is officially open for the summer. If you missed the Mother's Day opening it was a special time with wooden flowers for each attendee and a scrumptious cake and our traditional punch made from apricot nectar. Of course, the historic displays are in the main spotlight. A comment heard frequently is "this museum is so much larger than it looks from the outside."

The Museum library has a large collection of high school yearbooks from all cities in the county. Recently three yearbooks belonging to Joselle "Jody" Davis, who graduated from Union High School in 1951 were donated. It is amazing how much history can be found in a yearbook. Jody's 1949 yearbook was especially interesting because of the advertisements. Those 1949 enterprising yearbook students secured 151 paid sponsorship ads, 30 of which were from businesses in Union. A walk down the Mainstreet of Union 1949 was much different than today's main street. Let's take a trip.

Reuter's Hardware was the only store with a lengthy message. "While I have always recognized that the object of business is to make money in an honorable manner, I endeavor to remember that the object of life is to do good" quote from Peter Cartright. "Our aim is to make money and do good by helping you with the best service we are able to give. A thought to the graduating class of 1949--If you are willing to live on scratch for a while then you can start to step out in life."

The rest of the Main Street walk just includes a brief message from the businesses. Frontier Saddle shop--Saddles made to order. All kinds of leather. Fisk's groceries, frozen foods Arden's ice cream and McElvain Jewelry Agency--Doris and Bud Fisk, Owners. Ben Franklin School Supplies, Al's Auto Court, Gipson's Barber Shop--"The finest in barbering", Union Cash Grocery, Nele I Morrison Automotive Electric, Knight Real Estate and Golle Insurance Agency, Union County Co-Op Creamery--"It pays to cooperate", Union Cleaner's--Margaret Swich, Scotty's Repair shop on the corner of Main and Grape, The Union Republic commercial printing, The Pebble and Union Motor Court, Union Flowering Mill, Catherine Creek Co-Operative Feed Association, The Cosy Corner, Davis Super Service, P.H. Newman Atlas Tires and Batteries, Union Railroad of Oregon, First National Bank of Portland, Playland Roller Skating Rink, Jone's Union's One Stop Store, Oregon Trail Garage, Shank's Cafe, Knotty Pine Fountain Lunch and cold storage lockers, Union Drug Company, Kiddy Specialty Shop, Beulah De Graw, owner, and L.Z. Terral, Attorney. As you can see, our Union was quite a place and is still a very wonderful and special city today.

The 1949 class motto was "After commencement commence." We wish all the 2026 graduating seniors from Union High School the very best and a prosperous "commencement" into life after high school.

The Third Tuesday program for June will be a presentation by Steve Clements about the history of Ladd Marsh and the different varieties of birds at the marsh, both past and present. The presentation will be in the Little White Church on Tuesday June 16 at 7p.m.

More next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

The telephone connecting the city with the depot has been in operation for several days past, and works splendidly. Dr. Drake and John Elliott put it up for their own benefit, but the public will be allowed to make use of it. A small charge will be made for sending messages, as will be seen by card elsewhere in this paper. It is a great benefit to the town and will be appreciated. Quite a number of ladies, who had never seen a telephone visited Dr. Drake's office last Wednesday evening to see it work.

~Oregon Scout November 28, 1885

Don't Forget....it's time to test your backflow prevention device!

The Oregon Health Authority requires that all back flow assemblies be tested once each year by a certified tester. The City of Union's public works department works hard to provide safe clean water to our citizens, testing your backflow prevention device is vital as the city's water system can become unsafe whenever backflow occurs.

You may have a backflow prevention device (cross connection) that needs tested if you have any of the following:

- ♦ Irrigation or lawn sprinkler system
- ♦ Swimming pool or spa
- ♦ Fire suppression sprinkler system
- ♦ Food and beverage processing equipment
- ♦ A well that is connected to the city water system

If you have a cross connection please send your test results to the City of Union Public Works Department at PO Box 529 Union, OR 97883 or drop it off at City Hall.

Need a certified tester? You can find a list of certified cross connection testers at www.oregon.gov/oha



Noxious Weeds.....it is of most importance to remove them from your property!

We all know how fast weeds can grow and spread! Noxious weeds are the most extreme concern, for both our local community and the county. Union County is part of the Tri-County Region weed control, they are dedicated to the cause of diminishing noxious weeds on private and public lands. While there are 28 weeds on the Tri County Cooperative Weed Management Area, these are a few noxious weeds that are persistent within city limits. Watch for these and remove them as soon as found!



Whitetop is a perennial and grows up to 2 feet tall. It has blue green leaves that are up to 4 inches long. Flowers are small white 4 petaled flowers that give the plant a white flat topped appearance. Blooms by May into mid-summer. Roots can go do a depth of 6 feet.

Puncturevine grows in dense mats lying close to the ground with trailing stems. This weed gets a five petal yellow flower between July-October. Also called Goat Heads due to the 'horns' on the dried seeds. Seeds viable 4-5 years!



There are several varieties of thistle, some grow up to 12 feet tall. Roots are deep and dense, sending out roots and shoots. Thistle seeds are viable up to 8 years. Flowers are purple with ovoid heads. Flowers bloom July-August.



Knapweed has either purple, pinkish, or white shaggy flower numerous in clusters. Blooms from June to September. Once gone to seed, seeds are viable for up to nine years. Has an extensive root system and can go to 3 feet in depth. Spreads by both seeds and root fragments.

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

June 2026



June 8th
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

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

Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website www.cityofunion.com

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Did you know you can receive a city newsletter by email? If you would like to receive your newsletter this way just email heatherdaggett@cityofunion.com and request your name be added to the list.

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