

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



CLEAN-UP DAY!! SATURDAY, MAY 9th 9am - 1pm

Location: Public Works Shops

61323 Hwy 203 (next to gun club)

There will be someone to direct you once you get to the entrance gate

Accepted Items:

- * Yard Debris * Household Items (appliances, lawn mowers, furniture, mattresses, etc)
- * Electronics * Outdoor Kids Toys and Bikes
- * Tires (without rims) only 4 per household!

Limited space (when box is full no more will be accepted)

NOT ACCEPTED:

- * NO Household garbage * NO Hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, etc)
- * NO Roofing shingles * NO Ashes * NO Batteries

It is appreciated, and easier for staff to unload your items if they are kept separated as you load them in your truck or trailer, such as yard debris separate from metals etc.



From Your Ordinance Officer~

ANIMAL ORDINANCES

PUBLIC NUISANCE. Any animal that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of other animals or persons, or substantially interfere with the rights of citizens, other than their owners, to enjoyment of life or property. The owner shall be personally liable for an animal that becomes a **PUBLIC NUISANCE** and shall be financially liable for actions of his or her animal.



City of Union

342 South Main Street***PO Box 529***Union, OR 97883

Drinking Water Report 2025 Sampling Results

This is our **annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** on your drinking water system. The most recently required sampling results have been gathered to inform customers about their tap water. With this information, we hope you will learn more about your water and will help protect the water for future use.

We provide quality drinking water that meets all federal and state requirements.

During recent years we have sampled for many different chemicals. Contamination is anything other than pure water. We sample total coliform bacteria as an indicator of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and other small creatures) that should not be present. **The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past calendar year or in our most recent tests as noted.** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling **541-562-5197** or **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).**

EPA's website is www.epa.gov/safewater

Terms and Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. **IDEAL GOAL**

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **HIGHEST LEVEL ALLOWED**

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **na:** not applicable **nd:** not detectable at testing limit **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter (1 drop in 1 million gallons) **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (1 drop in 1 billion gallons) **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceedance /Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	0	15 AL	ND—3.05	2025	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3 AL	ND—0.065	2025	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.008	1-6-25	No	Naturally occurring
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	Na	80	1.34	9-22-25	No	Disinfection byproduct
Combined Radium (226/228)	0	30	0.8	6-7-21	No	Naturally occurring
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	3.62	6-3-24	No	Natural deposits

Fluoride, Barium, Sodium, Nickel, are all natural occurring.

We had no drinking water violations!

The City is committed to supplying their water consumers with a safe and sufficient supply. The City's ground water derived from two deep wells that are trapped into a basalt aquifer. The two wells have the potential to produce four million gallons per day.



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 APRIL 2026

Main Street Union met April 1st at RattleTales coffee shop at 6pm for its business meeting leaving open its regular meeting date of the 2nd Wednesday for its Annual Meet and Greet. MSU's website should be up and going close to the 1st of May. Family Roots Blues and Brews chair Nod Palmer provided an update for this summer's events. Sponsorships with different levels designed to accommodate vendors was approved 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.

MSU's annual Membership **Meet and Greet was April 8, 2026** starting at 6pm at Rattle Tales with desserts and beverages being provided by MSU members. Main Street Union recognized: Jana Dick as its Outstanding MSU Program-Chairperson (Grant Committee Chairperson), Meriah Williams & Tara Brizendine as Outstanding MSU Event-Chairpersons (Block Party, Family Roots Blues & Brews and Trunk or Treat), Union VFW Post 4060 as Outstanding Community Organization (Color Guard for community events, Chili at the Christmas Parade), Nod Palmer as Outstanding Community Volunteer (Lions President, CUP President, Past President of Union Co Museum, Mason, and active MSU Board Member), Tara Brizendine Past-President, and a special Business Appreciation award to LJ Brewskis (helping at FRBB with beer garden and food).

Main Street Union could use a couple of chairpersons: one for Ziply Park Maintenance and a second for MSU's new Organization Coordinating. Ziply 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 saw an increase in March of two new members, **You DO NOT have to own property on Main Street, or own a Historic home, or even be a resident of Union, you only have to want to help make positive changes in our community.** Main Street Union members volunteered over 201 hours during the month of March this year and to date have volunteered 388 hours serving our community in 2026.

New City Administrator Jared Cole has found a grant which might work on MSU's signing for our community's Historic District, and the signing for our Main Street being proclaimed as "On the Original Old Oregon Trail Highway". For those of you who are unaware; our Main Street was the 1st paved portion of Highway 30 between Portland and Boise back around 1919. Jana and Walt have been pursuing grants to fund the signing along with New signs as you enter Main Street from the North and South.

Main Street President Walt Brookshire will be traveling to Woodburn Oregon April 29th to attend a mandatory Oregon Main Street Meeting. Each community is to bring a few things their Main Street program has accomplished which they are proud of, email Walt with your suggestions at mainstreetunion@gmail.com.

Sponsorships for this summer music events are being sought through the month of May, please be a sponsor, MSU has booked some good entertainment again this year and MSU encourages crafters, artisans, and other vendors to sign up to display their talents and/or wares.

City wide cleanup day will be May 9th from 9am to 1pm. Take advantage of this great opportunity to cleanup and haul off trash that has collected over the winter. Would make a great Mother's Day gift for our moms.

Main Street Union **meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm** and will be meeting May 13 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.

Union Carnegie Public Library

~MAY Activities~

STORYTIME EVERY TUESDAY 10:00AM ~ 11:00AM

WE WILL READ TOGETHER FOR HALF AN HOUR AND THEN DO A CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

- 5/5 MOTHER'S DAY JEWELLED HEARTS
- 5/12 KINETIC SAND STAMPS
- 5/19 BUBBLE LILACS
- 5/26 CHICKEN HANDPRINT ART



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS: FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH ~ APRIL 1ST & 15TH 4:00PM ~ 5:00PM

- 5/5 MOTHER'S DAY JEWELLED HEARTS
- 5/19 BUBBLE LILACS

ADULT EVENTS, SELECTED MONDAYS 5:00PM ~ 6:00PM

- 5/4 SIPPING GARDEN POTTING PARTY

VIDEO GAMES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY THURSDAY FROM 4:00 ~ 5:00 PM



OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MAY!! SIGN UP AT THE LIBRARY. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME EVENTS WILL HAVE ATTENDANCE LIMITS AND PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THESE EVENTS ARE REQUIRED.



UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
182 S MAIN, UNION OR
541-562-5811
TIFFANY DERICHSEILER ~ LIBRARIAN



Volunteers Needed

Planning Commission &

Historical Commission

Have Open Seats

Applications are available at City Hall

Monday ~ Thursday

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Contact City Hall for more information

541-562-5197

BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

IT IS BUDGET SEASON FOR THE CITY. WORK IS BEING DONE NOW FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET.

BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BE MAY 5TH, 6TH & 7TH. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE ALMQUIST CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL AT 6:00PM. IF YOU WISH TO OBSERVE THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING PLEASE COME AND DO SO.

Committee Members Needed





What's Happening at the Museum....

Everyone is cordially invited to the Museum's Mother's Day May 10 opening from 1pm to 4 pm. Come and enjoy refreshments, sign up for a great door prize and enjoy the many historic displays, including a new one in the Nature Room which was recently donated in memory of former Union residents Guy and Ben Francy.

The Museum has many typed and handwritten historic memories that are interesting and informative. I recently read a memory written about Peter Raymo. Peter found his way to Union as a trapper for the Hudson Bay Fur Company and apparently trapped in the Catherine Creek area for two years. When his contract expired he traveled back to the east coast to prepare his family for a move to Union. Mrs. Raymo was a native American belonging to the Red River Indians from Minnesota. She was a renowned healer and was especially adept at treating children with her natural concoctions. It was reported that she brought many herbs and special plants which flourished around her new home on Catherine Creek. Years after she passed a botanist was exploring in the area and discovered several unique and unknown plants. He gathered specimens and sent them to Pullman, Washington for identification. The plant specialists at Pullman couldn't identify them so they were sent to Washington D. C. for further scrutiny. These plants were then traced to the Red River Valley in Minnesota. The mystery remains as to the variety of plants found so long ago flourishing in the Catherine Creek area. We can only wonder if some of the local vegetation were plants once grown by Mrs. Raymo.

Spring always brings a new growth of wild plants flourishing in the local forests and on stream banks. Many of these plants were enjoyed by pioneers and were considered delicious and nutritious. Woolly Britches, a small fuzzy leafed plant which grows close to the ground, was a prized addition to a meal because when cooked it tasted just like spinach. Nettles were also good to eat if picked with gloves and swished through several washings of water. I am not fond of nettles after picking some leaves thinking it was catnip. The stinging and burning sensation from nettles certainly makes a person apprehensive about picking that plant a second time, although I have talked to folks who say nettles, when cooked, are scrumptious.

Enjoy our spring weather and the emergence of many plants and flowers. More next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

Jo Wright says that if that highly respected lady and gentleman don't stop stealing his chickens their names will be made public. He has watched them on their midnight raids and knows who they are.

~Oregon Scout August 20, 1887

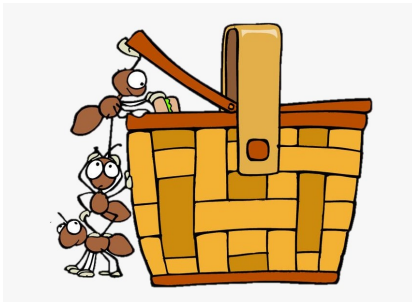
Time To Start Planning Those Events At The Park!!

BBQ's ~ Birthday Parties ~ Weddings ~ Reunions

Although we are not able to 'reserve' the park for your activity, we can inform and discourage others from using your requested area. To schedule your activity please come in, call, or email us for a Park Use Form. This gives us all the information we need to work to save your requested area for your event. It also let's us know if you need access to the park restrooms and for you to get the keys to the restrooms. There is no cost to use the park.

Be a respectful park user ~

- ◆ Park hours are dawn to dusk (unless otherwise arranged)
- ◆ Fires in BB's are allowed only in picnic areas
 - ◆ Drugs and Alcohol are not allowed
- ◆ If you notice an area is set up for an event, please respect that area
- ◆ Pick Up After Your Dog!! Dog Poo must be picked up and disposed! There are poo bag dispensers location at the front and back of the park.....Use Them!
- ◆ Keep your dog on a leash! Not everyone is a dog lover. We all feel we have the best dog, but there are children and adults who fear dogs, please respect others. And it is a city ordinance that dogs are not to be loose, but on a leash.



Mark Your Calendar!

◆ Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

June 8th ~ 14th

4H ~ FFA horse and stock shows

Cowboy Breakfast ~ Rodeo

Parimutuel Horse Racing

◆ Thunder at The Peak

Fireworks ~ Music ~ Vendors

◆ MainStreet Blues & Brews

June 26th

Beer Garden ~ Artisans ~ Music

◆ MainStreet Blues & Brews

July 31st

Beer Garden ~ Artisans ~ Music

◆ Grassroots Festival

August 8th

Car Show ~ Music ~ Vendors

Duck Race ~ Family Street Dance

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

AUGUST 8TH 2026

Watch for more information as it becomes available



MAIN STREET UNION PRESENTS....

FAMILY ROOTS BLUES & BREWS

SAVE THESE DATES!!

JUNE 26TH

JULY 31ST

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN US AT THE
HISTORIC UNION CITY PARK!

BEER GARDEN ~ VENDORS ARTISANS
~ CRAFTERS ~ Music

**BLUES AND
BREWS**



AVISTA REMINDS YOU SAFE DIGGING IS NO ACCIDENT! CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG....

Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 at least two business days before you dig. Calling 811 will get a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines. This service is free. There is a two-foot tolerance zone on each side of the line, and it is required to hand dig to determine the precise location of the utility in this tolerance zone. Remember, you may have your own utilities that require a Private Locate request at 811

Knowing where underground utility line are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, prevent damages to utilities and service disruptions, and avoid potential fines and repair costs. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere, so keeping your shovel in the shed or garage and calling 811 first is a smart move (and....it's the law).

Every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Here are just a few examples of when to call 811:

- ◆ Installing a rural mailbox
- ◆ Putting in a fence
- ◆ Planting a tree or shrubbery
- ◆ Building a patio or deck
- ◆ Excavating a new garden area

Call 811 or go to www.digsafelyoregon.com



COUNCIL CORNER:



Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Welcome New City Administrator
Jarred Cole
- ⇒ 2026-2027 Budget
- ⇒ Reviewing Ordinances
- ⇒ Committees working on the City Charter, Water/Sewer, Zoning, Trails, and Ordinances

~City Council Members ~

Anita Boyer ~ Davis Trisha Seale
Kori Cox John Black
Mayor Susan Hawkins

May 2026 Council Meetings

May 11th

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

Like us on Facebook!

Planning Meeting May 26th 6:00 pm



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@eoni.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 CommCtr	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	3 rd 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 CommCtr	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Mainstreet Union	2nd Wednesday of the month	Rattle Tale	6:00 pm	mainstreetunion@gmail.com
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 Wednesdaynight	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar