

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

Ordinance Education Corner....

Public Meeting Notification:

Section 51 Public Meeting Notification. The City Council must notify the citizenry of Union within 30 days prior to voting on a motion, resolution, or ordinance that affects water or sewer user fees, creates an order on the city treasury in excess of the budgeted amount, modifies zoning requirements, or affects city law. Such notification shall be satisfied only by a direct mass mailing to the townspeople of Union and the notice shall include an invitation for each citizen to attend a public meeting that will be held prior to a vote.

Gambling:

112.07 Gambling. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, operating or in charge of any billiard, pool or cardroom, bowling alley, shooting gallery or tavern to permit or allow any *gambling* of any kind therein. *Gambling* shall not include social games. SOCIAL GAMES shall be defined as a game, other than a lottery, between players in a private business, private club or place of public accommodation where no house player, house bank or house odds exist and there is no house income from the operation of the social game.

House Numbers Required:

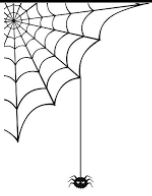
151.25 House Numbers Required.

There is hereby established a uniform system of numbering all houses, stores, establishments and other buildings, excepting minor sheds and outbuildings now situated or which may hereafter be erected within the city limits of the City of Union, Oregon, and which are hereinafter referred to as structures. The numbers shall be placed near the main entrance of each structure, and in accordance with the map and plan now on file in City Hall, which shall be known as the "Official Numbering Map of the City of Union".

151.30 Placement of Numbers.

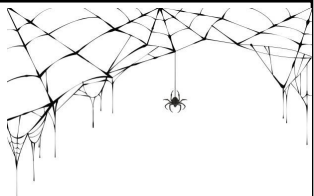
Numbers shall be affixed to the door or door frame of the main entrance to the structure or as near thereto as practical, in a location conspicuous from the street from which the structure faces.





Union Carnegie Public Library

~October Activities~



WE WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT OCTOBER 30TH FROM 10 ~ NOON

IF YOU HAVE LATE FEES, CONSIDER DONATING A PUMPKIN INSTEAD DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AND WE WILL ERASE YOUR LATE FEES AND MAKE YOUR PUMPKIN AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT! PLEASE TURN IN MISSING ITEMS BEFORE DONATING YOUR PUMPKIN

STORYTIME EVERY TUESDAY FROM 10AM-11AM. WE WILL READ TOGETHER THE FIRST HALF HOUR AND THEN CRAFT.

- 10/6 GLITTER SPIDER WEBS
- 10/13 FALL CAT ART
- 10/20 TISSUE PAPER SUNCATCHERS
- 10/27 SPARKLE GHOSTS



ADULT CRAFTS SELECT MONDAYS FROM 5PM-6PM

- 10/5 SPELL JARS
- 10/12 HAND WARMERS



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS, 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS FROM 4PM-5PM

- 10/6 SMOKING CERAMIC GHOULS
- 10/20 WANDS

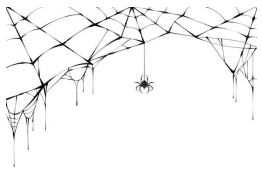
OCTOBER 18-24 IS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK. THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUP! WANT TO BE A FRIEND? SIGN UP AT THE UNION CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SEE ALL THE WAYS OUR FRIENDS HELP US.

UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

182 S MAIN, UNION OR
541~562~5811

TIFFANY DERICHSWEILER ~ LIBRARIAN





2026 TRUNK OR TREAT

Union High School Parking Lot, October 31st



TRUNK or TREAT



Yes.... You Can Burn

OCTOBER 1ST 2026

Burning is allowed beginning **October 1st**, with a burn permit issued by the City of Union. You can obtain a burn permit at City Hall. Burn permits are \$10.00 and are valid for each calendar year, January through December.

Please remember, **ONLY** burn the following:
ABSOLUTELY NO GARBAGE

▷ Dry leaves & Twigs

All fires must be completely out by dusk.

▷ Un-waxed paper & cardboard

Violations of burning regulations can result in a citation.

It's The Perfect Time....

LETS PREPARE FOR COLDER WEATHER

As fall fast approaches, the next few month's while the weather is still cooperative, it's the perfect time to prepare for those cold winter months that we know will soon be upon us.

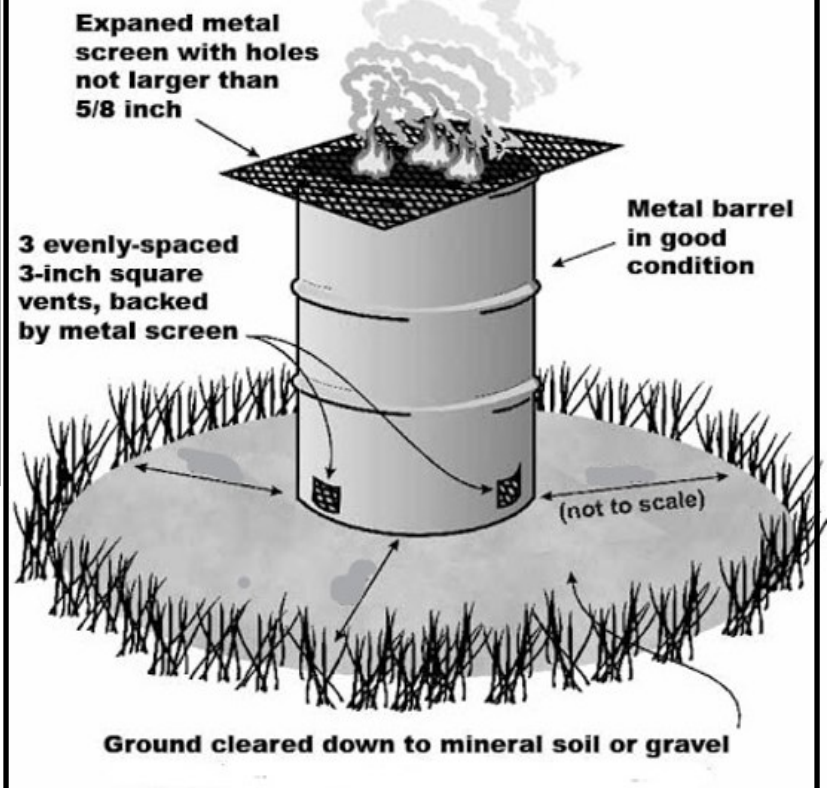
What can you do now to prepare?

- ◆ Check doors/windows for air leaks and repair weatherstrip if needed.
- ◆ Check the furnace and make sure it is running efficiently and serviced if needed, and change out the filters.
- ◆ Do you have a woodstove or fireplace? Be sure to have the chimney professionally cleaned and checked prior to starting your first fire of the season.
- ◆ Check plumbing under the house, it's a great idea to heat wrap/insulate pipes to prevent frozen pipes this winter.

Put your mind at ease, take care of these few things now and go into winter knowing you are prepared.

Don't forget to put up those house numbers now too! If emergency services can't find your house it could cause precious minutes that could have saved a life or your home.

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HALLOWEEN

Kiddie Parade

REMINDER

Attention Local Businesses!
and anyone who wishes to participate

Thursday, October 29
2:20 PM

— UNION, OREGON —

Please be prepared to give

candy

to approximately

250 KIDS.

Thank you for supporting
our community!





What's Happening at the Museum....



What's Happening at the Museum in October

Even though the Museum officially closed its doors for the season this October features two special events in Union. A traditional English tea is scheduled October 3 at the Little White Church. There is much tradition associated with an English high tea that is all about doing things well and with elegance and a respect for tradition. The yearly annual meeting is scheduled at the Little White Church October 13 at 7 p.m. This meeting will include project highlights, election of board members, budget information, recognition of volunteers and refreshments.

The English afternoon tea can be traced to its beginning in 1840. At that time it was customary to serve dinner around 8 or 9 p.m., Anna, the Duchess of Bedford, did not like the long time period between lunch and dinner because she was always famished by late afternoon. She began requesting tea and light snacks delivered to her room. Her friends liked this idea of an afternoon treat which eventually evolved into a fashionable daily event among the British elite. In fact, very strict protocol became a part of the afternoon tea. One should never hold the saucer in your hands unless you are standing or sitting with no table in front of you. The handle of the tea cup should stay at the 3 o'clock position unless you are left handed at which the handle is at the 9 o'clock position. It is inappropriate to create a whirlpool when stirring tea. Use the spoon to stir from the 12 o'clock position to the 6 o'clock position. Never think of lifting the "pinkie" finger into the air since that is considered very bad manners.

Where did tea first come from? It originated in China around 2737 BCE and spread throughout Asia and eventually arrived in Europe in the 1600's. Tea bags didn't exist until 1908 when Thomas Sullivan, a New York merchant, started shipping tea in silk bags. One day he discovered how easy it was to steep one of these silk bags in hot water resulting in a great cup of tea.

Up until the time the tea bag was discovered tea was shipped in an unusual form. It was compacted into a hard brick similar in size to a bar of soap with embossed designs on the front and back of the brick. I actually found one of these tea bricks at my mom's house. I had absolutely no idea what the hard brown object was, I'm glad I didn't throw it away. I discovered what that brick was while visiting the museum in Echo, Oregon where one identical brown and dried object was on display and was identified as tea that was transported on the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon.

Tea bricks were an easy way to transport tea. On December 16, 1773 when 342 chests of tea were dumped into the Boston Harbor it was not leaf tea or tea bags but was, in fact, tea bricks. Somehow I had always imagined tea leaves floating around that harbor.

Tea is the second most consumed beverage with water being number one. Its interesting to note that Turkey consumes the most tea followed by Ireland, England and Iran.

No matter how you enjoy a cup of tea, remember to keep your little finger placed properly and not in the air. Happy Fall.



Snippet of Union's History.....

A few days ago Pete Coffin hired a man who came to his ranch looking for a job, and put him to work. Having occasion to go to the mountains he left the man at home, and when he came back he found his man missing. Ditto a lot of bed clothes.

Oregon Scout October 31, 1885



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 September 2026

Main Street Union will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday October 14, in the **Main Street office (251 S Main Street) at 7pm**. Main topics will be October's Kiddie Parade on the 29th and Trunk or Treat on the 31st. Remember, 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. You do not need to own property on Main Street and you do not have to be from Union. **Main Street is an organization for Everyone.**

The **Halloween Kiddie Parade** is always on the **Thursday before Halloween**, it starts at 2:20pm. This is one of my favorite events, the children from kindergarten through 6th grade school get to wear their costumes and parade up Main Street and back to the school, businesses hand out candy from in front of their business. Community members are welcome to hand out candy to the children; you will need to plan for about 250 trick or treaters. Adults in costumes could really provide an additional flair to the event and enjoyment for the children. This event has been ongoing for more than 30 years and was started as a way to allow the children who lived away from the community and weren't able to come back into Union to Trick or Treat to do so. Any and all children of any age may join the Parade; it's a great way for them to Trick or Treat safely.

Halloween Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, and should again be in the school parking lot. **A chairperson** for this event is still needed. Community members are encouraged to set up a "Trunk" and decorate your area in appropriate Halloween décor. Times for this event will be posted as soon as everything is finalized, you can look for posters around town or go to MSU website **main-streetunion.org**.

Main Street will again be assisting the City of Union Oregon Chamber of Commerce with the community's Christmas Light Parade and tree lighting. This event is scheduled for December 5th usually starting around 5pm.

Main Street Union **meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm** and will be meeting **at the Main Street Office (251 S Main Street)**, 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 MSU's important **Community Events** you may contact President Walt Brookshire at 541-805-8689 or email Main Street at mainstreetunion@gmail.com . Main Street Union would like to see you at their upcoming meeting.



77th Farmer Merchant Banquet Partnership Opportunity



Support the Farmer-Merchant Banquet by becoming an Event Partner at a level that works best for your business. You choose the amount you would like to contribute, and the level of recognition increases with your contribution.

Event Partners will receive recognition through event materials, signage, social media, and during the banquet, based on their partnership level. Depending on the amount contributed, partners may also receive up to four complimentary tickets to the event.

As an added benefit, complimentary tickets will be donated to local farmers, allowing them to attend the banquet at no cost. Each donated ticket will include your business name, giving you the opportunity to show your support directly to the farmers and community members you are helping celebrate.

Your partnership helps make this special event possible while recognizing and supporting the farmers and merchants who contribute so much to our community.

Event Partner :

_____ \$4000 _____ \$3500 _____ \$3000 _____ \$2500
_____ \$2000 _____ \$1500 _____ \$1000 _____ \$500

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail Payment to: City of Union Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 76
Union, OR 97883
541-240-1770 Text or Leave a Message



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 ~

Kori Cox Jay Blackburn Trisha Seale
Terra Richter Anita Boyer-Davis Jay Blackburn

Mayor Susan Hawkins



COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 2026

October 12th

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

October 26th

- Work Session @ 6:00 pm



- All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall. <https://www.cityofunionor.gov>

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 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	2nd Tuesday of the month	251 S Main Street	7:00 pm	541-805-8689
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