

talk of the town

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**Board of Aldermen
meetings are
held on the
2nd Monday
of each month at
6:30pm at City Hall.**

Holiday Schedule

Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
Feb 20 President's Day
Apr 7 Good Friday (City Hall
closes at noon)
May 29 Memorial Day
June 19 Emancipation Day
Jul 4 Independence Day

from the **mayor**



Hello Citizens of Union,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and were able to celebrate the New Year with family and friends.

The City continues to see tremendous growth, not only in new residential development, but with new commercial and industrial projects as well. Many of our existing companies are in the process of expanding which is a great sign of things to come for our community. With the increase in rooftops and jobs, retail development will continue to increase throughout the City.

The City recently acquired the property across from City Hall and a new Downtown Revitalization Committee was created to develop plans to revitalize downtown with new commercial and residential projects.

Regionally, the City continues to push for improvements to Highway 47, particularly in traffic management and improvements to make the roadway safer.

As the warmer weather arrives, get outside and enjoy our community. Visit your favorite restaurant, or try something new. From the parks to the college, there is something for everyone in Union.



Mayor Robert Schmuke

Courthouse Square - Circa 1920
Photo Courtesy of Historic Council of Union


LOOKING BACK

Courthouse Square ... Circa 1920

This photo is part of the collection of historic photos on display at City Hall.

COMMUNITY Calendar

Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day (City Hall Closed)
Feb 11	♥ Valentine's Comedy Show
Feb 20	President's Day
Mar 4	Rummage Sale
Mar 17	St Patrick's Day Parade 🍀
Apr 7	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Good Friday (City Hall Closes at Noon) 🐰
Apr 15	🎈 Kite Fest 1-4pm
Apr 28	🔌 Electronics Recycling Event 8am-1pm
May 5	Concert in the Park - Fry Project
May 13	Free Fishing Derby for Kids 🐟
May 19	Movie in the Park
May 29	Memorial Day (City Hall Closed) 🇺🇸
June 2	Concert in the Park - Fanfare Entertainment
June 3	Founders Day 🎡
June 8-11	Franklin County Fair
June 16	Movie in the Park
June 19	Juneteenth (City Hall Closed)
July 3	Concert in the Park - The Garden Party Band
July 4	🎆 Independence Day (City Hall Closed)
July 21	Movie in the Park
Aug 4	Concert in the Park—The Brother's Dickson
Aug 18	Movie in the Park
Sep 1	Concert in the Park—Crossfire
Sep 15	Movie in the Park

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE ECC Theatre announces 2023 Season!



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NOT JUST A SIMPLE SPONGE.

Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance.

The power of optimism really can save the world!

HOPE IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING THING.

Run-On Sentence tells the story of cellmates whose lives are turned upside down by the arrival of a new inmate ...Both moving and funny.

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Run On Sentence

April 20-24, 2023



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COME SING ABOUT LOVE.

An eclectic blend of songs, from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage, leaving you dancing in the aisles.

Performances are held in the ECC John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center located in Hansen Hall, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, MO.

To learn more or purchase tickets, call 636-584-6693 or go online to ecctheatre.com.



Union Parks & Recreation

📞 636.583.8471
🌐 unionmissouri.gov/uprd
📱 UnionPRD

YARDWASTE SCHEDULE

January 11	July 12, 26
February 8	August 9, 23
March 8	September 13, 27
April 5, 12, 19, 26	October 4, 11, 18, 25
May 3, 10, 17, 24	November 1, 8, 15, 22
June 7, 14, 21, 28	December 13, 28



FARMERS MARKET

2nd & 4th Fridays
Beginning April 28, 2023
through October

East Central College
1964 Prairie Dell Road

(636) 583-3600
UnionMissouri.gov/market



636.583.3600



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Chief Andrew Parker, Officer Jordan Wilson, Assistant Chief Rick Neace

Officer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Officer Jordan Wilson on being the 2022 recipient of the Union Police Department's Officer of the Year Award.

Chief Parker presented the award to Officer Wilson at the annual City of Union Christmas Party on December 2, 2022.

Each year an officer is recognized for their dedication in serving the community and citizens of Union and who shines in their performance of their duties.

Wilson's attitude and work ethic does not go unnoticed by his peers. He can be counted on to cover shifts and assist his fellow officers when needed.

Wilson serves as a Field Training Officer as well as leading the department in several categories of enforcement, including 17 DWI arrests, traffic stops, arrests and self-initiated reports. His efforts into detecting impaired drivers earned him the MADD award from the St. Louis MADD organization.



Union is getting its Green On!

The Union Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking entries for

Union's 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The parade will take place on March 17th, starting at 6pm in downtown Union.

Contact the Union Area Chamber of Commerce at 636-583-8979 or email director@unionmochamber.org for more information.

We'll see you at the parade and don't forget to wear green, you know cause *'Everyone is a little Irish on St. Paddy's Day.'*



The 19th Annual Kops and Kids Food Drive raised \$8,948 and collected several truckloads of canned goods for the Union Food Pantry in 2022. The school resource officers partner with the schools to collect canned goods and cash donations. The winning class from each school wins a pizza party courtesy of the police department.

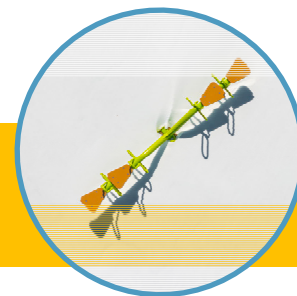
In addition to the collections from the schools, UPD Officers collected donations on two different Saturdays outside Union Walmart.

Photo: SRO Ben Hellebusch, SRO Austin Vancil and SRO Dylan Callaway present donations to the Union Food Pantry.



Members of the Union Urban Forestry Council helped to plant five trees at Veterans Memorial Park on November 17th, as part of the annual Arbor Day Celebration. While, nationally, Arbor Day is celebrated each year on April 29, planting in November actually helps the trees survive.

Photo: Union Urban Forestry Council Members: Bruce Templar, Craig Small and Rich Sandoval. City of Union: Assistant City Administrator James Schmieder and Community Development Assistant Wanda Parsons.



*No matter how long the winter,
spring is sure to follow.*

SNOWDAY
SEESAW
by Wanda Parsons

talk of the town

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CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Judge..... A. David Arand

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

City Administrator Jonathan Zimmermann

Assistant City Administrator..... James Schmieder

City Clerk Jonita Copeland

Chief of Police Andrew Parker

City Engineer JD Kelley

Finance Director Heather Keith

Parks and Recreation Director Chad Pohlmann

ONLINE

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Cover: Snow Covered Playground at Veterans Memorial Park—Aerial View by Wanda Parsons

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Only Rain Down the Storm Drain, *Please.*

The City of Union is asking residents to consider how some of their everyday habits may be impacting our region's water quality. Water entering storm drains, unlike water that enters sanitary sewers, does not undergo treatment before it is discharged into our waterways. So even small amounts of pollution can add up to big problems.

By keeping waste and hazardous materials out of storm drains, you're doing your part to reduce flooding and pollution in our local waterways.

Pick up after your pet. Pet waste is not a fertilizer—it contains harmful bacteria.

Use lawn chemicals sparingly. Chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides can contain ingredients harmful to human health and the environment.

Keep waste out of storm drains. Sweep driveways and sidewalks clean. Remove debris and residue that could end up in a storm drain. Never discard trash or yard waste down storm drains or in the street.

Reduce your vehicle's impact. Always use a drip pan to collect used vehicle fluid (for recycling or proper disposal). Clean spills with a rag, not water. Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash rather than washing it yourself. Or wash your car on an unpaved surface and use biodegradable soap. Dump your bucket of soapy water into the kitchen sink, not the storm drain.

For more information about the City's Stormwater Management Plan, visit unionmissouri.gov/cleanwater

Or call 636-583-1805.

