



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

Sep 5	Labor Day
Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Friday
Dec 23	Christmas Eve Observed
Dec 26	Christmas Day Observed

from the **mayor**



Hello citizens of Union,

I hope you are enjoying a long and relaxing summer!

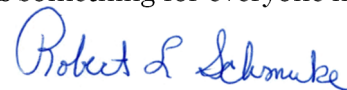
As many of you have noticed, there are a number of projects underway and great things happening in the City of Union.

Construction on the Denmark Road bridge is almost complete, the bridge should be open in August. Construction on Hansen Park will begin soon, providing a new downtown park to compliment the city's park system. In addition, the City is working on completing the purchase of the vacant lot across from City Hall which will be developed to provide additional parking and new entertainment venue over the next couple of years.

While the summer provides a great opportunity to travel, it's also a great time to check out what's going on with your local small business community. From restaurants to retail, small mom and pop, to locally owned produce, you can do your part to support locally owned and operated businesses.

Regionally, the City continues to work with MODOT to improve Highway 47, particularly in traffic management and additional lanes to make the roadway safer.

From the parks to the college, there is something for everyone in Union.



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LOOKING BACK

Rewind to July 4, 1906. Parade participants pose on the west side of the courthouse.

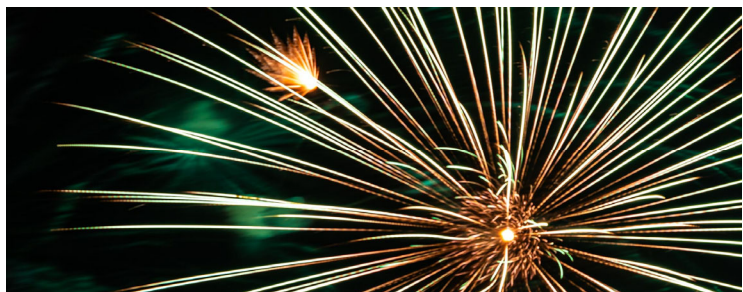
This photo is part of the collection of historic photos on display at City Hall.

COMMUNITY *Calendar*

Aug 5	Concert in the Park— <i>Brothers Dickson</i>
Aug 12	Farmers Market (East Central College)
Aug 19	Lawn Chair Movie Night—' <i>Encanto</i> '
Aug 26	Farmers Market (East Central College)
Sep 2	Concert in the Park— <i>Crossfire</i>
Sep 9	Farmers Market (East Central College)
Sep 15	Chamber's Dinner on the Square
Sep 16	Lawn Chair Movie Night—' <i>Sing 2</i> '
Oct 7-8	6th Annual WingFest
Oct 28	Boo Bash!
Nov 5	Electronics Recycling Event
Dec 9	Winter Wonderland Parade and Children's Christmas Party

YARDWASTE SCHEDULE

AUG 10, 24
SEP 14, 28
OCT 5, 12, 19, 26
NOV 2, 9, 16, 23
DEC 14, 28



PLASTICS RECYCLING TIPS

Most people know the little triangle symbol at the bottom of plastic bottles means 'recycle' but what they don't know is just because it has a triangle on the bottom, doesn't always mean it can be recycled. The numbers indicate the grade of plastic and can also tell you about the safety and uses of that item. However, plastics marked with #1, #2 or #5 are *usually* accepted curbside.

If in doubt, check out these guidelines on how to know if a specific plastic item is recyclable or not.

- **Its shape.** Any jug-style plastics that have a handle or neck (water bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, ketchup bottles, peanut butter jars, etc.) are generally recyclable.



FARMERS MARKET

2nd & 4th Fridays
4pm-7pm

East Central College
1964 Prairie Dell Road

(636) 583-3600
UnionMissouri.org/market





Union Parks & Recreation

636.583.8471
unionmissouri.org/uprd
UnionPRD



The Union Area Chamber of Commerce Presents the 6th Annual WingFest!

"It's a Clucking Good Time"

WingFest will be held on October 7-8 at its new location, the Franklin County Fairgrounds. The larger venue will allow for a bigger and better event. The event will kickoff Friday evening with the Rotary 0.1k race starting at the Rotary Pavilion. Other events include, of course, the Wing Cook-Off and Wing-Eating contests, as well as live bands, cornhole and horseshoe tournaments.

Planning is still underway for food trucks, vendors and more children's activities. For more information please visit www.unionmochamber.org or call the Chamber office at 636-583-8979.

- **Its flexibility.** Flexible plastics should never be recycled curbside, as they tend to get tangled in the machinery. A handy trick you can use if you're unsure about a plastic being too flimsy to be recycled is the "Poke Test." If you can push your finger through the plastic (sandwich bags, grocery bags, bubble wrap, film, etc.), it's too flimsy!
- **Its texture.** It's important to be aware of items that look recyclable but should be thrown in the trash. Polystyrene, which can come in the form of foam cups, take-out containers, and egg cartons, should always be thrown away.

Do NOT bag your recyclables. Be sure to clean and dry your containers before placing in the recycling bin.

For more information on curbside recycling in Union visit wasteconnections.com.



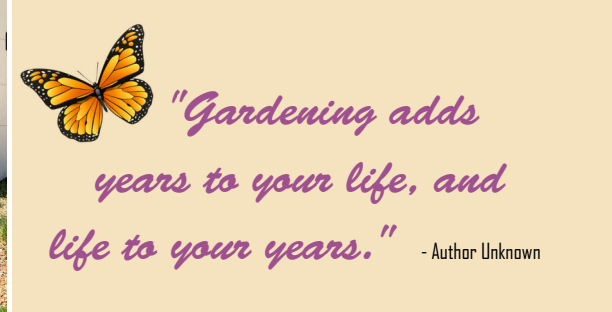
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What's Growin' in Union?

We love talking about the new businesses, buildings, roads and bridges in Union, but let us not forget to acknowledge some of the natural beauty to be found in Union. In the last few years, the Franklin County Master Gardeners have played a major part in adding more of that natural beauty and color to our community landscape.

In 2017, the Master Gardeners created the Pollinator / Monarch Habitat Demonstration Garden on the city-owned lot at the corner of Main and McKinley Streets. Here you can stroll among the native plants and observe the butterflies and bees.

In 2020, the Master Gardeners designed and planted the landscaping at the new City Hall, located at 10 E. Locust Street.



Their latest project is a partnership with East Central College and the City of Union to work on the roundabout and center islands along Prairie Dell Road.

The roundabout features a metal sculpture created by Jack Heeger with design input from his wife, Kathy. The material for the sculpture was donated by Brenda Peters and has a connection with the Peters Century Farm here in Union. Both Kathy Heeger and Brenda Peters are members of the Franklin County Master Gardeners. Maintaining the plantings is truly a community effort. The weeds were recently removed with help from community service volunteers. While we know some of our residents aren't too fond of roundabouts, we are very pleased with the result of this project and would like to thank each of the volunteers and our community partners who helped beautify the area.

The Missouri Master Gardener Program is a public service program offered by Missouri University. Master Gardeners are volunteers that work to extend the knowledge of the University in cooperation with the Franklin County Extension office. Master Gardeners help others learn about sustainable gardening methods. Any resident with an interest in gardening, novice or expert, may take the Master Gardener Core Course. Find out about local programming from the Franklin County Master Gardeners. Call 636-583-5141 or email franklinco@missouri.edu.

DENMARK BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION

Denmark Road at Birch Creek was closed on February 21, 2022 to allow for the removal of an existing low-water crossing and construction of a new one-span bridge. With weather delays, completion is now expected to be completed in August, 2022.

The replacement of the bridge stirred old memories for some long-time Union residents.

"I've been delivering mail over this little concrete slab for 22 years. I will miss seeing the fishing and playing. I might even miss the 'gunning it' to get over the ice." — Joyce

"I grew up playing on this bridge in the summer as a kid, and went fishing many times there 30 years ago.... My brothers and I used the slick concrete as a slip and slide back in the early 90's." — Jeremy



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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

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UNION'S RAILROAD *a hidden gem in the industry*

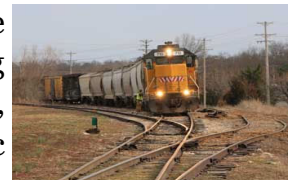
As many of you may have noticed, earlier this year a new rail operator began working in Union. Jaguar Transport headquartered in Joplin, Missouri has taken over operations of the short line railroad, renamed Missouri Eastern Railroad, running from Union to Maryland Heights. Since taking over, Jaguar has been a very open and collaborative partner with their plans for increased rail safety and economic growth for the region. The new operator plans on increasing the number of trains coming to and from Union to one per day, Monday through Friday. With this, the rail will be a lot busier than it has in the past.

The Missouri Eastern Railroad is one of four short lines in the country which has access to



every major rail carrier in North America making our little railroad a hidden gem in the industry. With transload, any commodity can be shipped in and out of Union via rail which is a tremendous asset to our local industries and our community.

Please remember to use extra caution when crossing the rail in and around town, particularly as the rail traffic increases.



Did you know? St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado Railroad, later known as the Rock Island Railroad, was completed to Union in 1887. Passenger service was discontinued in 1950.