

talk of the town



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from the mayor ↘

Hello citizens of Union,

My name is Robert Schmuke. Since Mayor Tappe's resignation, I was appointed Mayor by the Board of Aldermen until the next regularly scheduled municipal election. I have been an alderman in Ward 1 for over 20 years.

I am proud to be a lifelong resident of Union. I have been married for 46 years to my wife, Barb, and we raised three boys here. Two of my sons chose to make Union their home. I have recently retired from Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of New Haven after a 40-year career.

Summer is a good time to get out and enjoy our great park system. The city pool has been a popular place with the summer heat. The parks are a great place to celebrate that special occasion or just to get outside and enjoy family and friends. Veterans Park is our newest park with several pavilions, 3 playgrounds and the most popular place, the splash pad, when you want to cool off.

I hope everyone enjoyed Founder's Day, the Franklin County Fair, and the 4th of July fireworks. Don't forget on the first Friday of the month there are Concerts in the Park and on the third Friday we have Movies in the Park. Go the Union Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page @UnionPRD for more info.

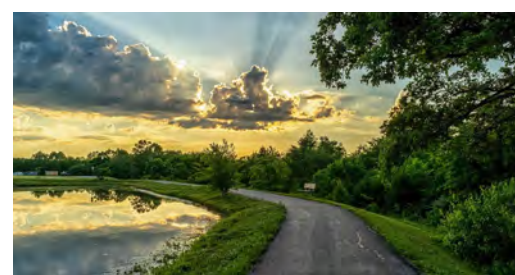


Robert L. Schmuke

Mayor Robert Schmuke

DID YOU KNOW?

The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius). The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the season's hot weather.



CITY OF UNION
Calendar

Aug 6	Concert in the Park <i>The Garden Party Band</i>
Aug 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Aug 20	Lawn Chair Movie Night <i>Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs</i>
Sep 3	Concert in the Park <i>Crossfire</i>
Sep 6	Labor Day (City Hall Closed)
Sep 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sep 17	Lawn Chair Movie Night <i>Trolls World Tour</i>
Oct 11	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Oct 22	HALLOWEEN BOO BASH 
Nov 6	Electronics Recycling Event
Nov 8	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Nov 11	Veteran's Day (City Hall Closed)
Nov 25-26	Thanksgiving Holidays (City Hall Closed)
Dec 10	Children's Christmas Party
Dec 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Dec 23-24	Christmas Holidays (City Hall Closed)



food
produce
crafts
art & more

FRIDAYS 3PM-7PM

Where: Commuter Parking Lot
at First Baptist Church
801 Hwy 50 East, Union, MO
unionmissouri.org/market
636-583-3600
City of Union Community Development Department



Meet me at the Market!

Get your food truck fix and shop 'til you drop on Fridays from 3pm-7pm.

With over 60 vendors offering anything from fresh garden produce, eggs, meats and honey, to artisan crafts, soaps, salves and lotions, and prepared foods from some of the best bakers and makers in and around Franklin County, there's always something new at the Market.

The Market is managed by the City of Union Community Development Department and by our volunteer vendor manager, Tiffany Krausz. We look forward to meeting you at the Market!

Water / Utility Bill Payments

The City of Union Utility Billing Department would like to remind water customers of the billing policy. **Water bills are due upon receipt.** A late fee is charged after the 15th of the month.

Reminders are not mailed, but you can sign up for e-mail, phone or text alerts at:

municipalonlinepayments.com/unionmo

Paying your bill is easy **AND FEE FREE.** As of July 1, there is no longer a \$1.25 service fee.

By phone: 877-812-3501

Online: municipalonlinepayments.com/unionmo

Or by mail/dropbox at Union City Hall, 10 E. Locust, Union, MO 63084



Food Pantry Celebrates 30th Year

This year marks the 30th year the Union Food Pantry has been serving families needing assistance in the Union School District. The first pantry opened on June 30, 1991 at 200 E. Cherry Street and later moved to its current location at 113 W. Locust Street. Both facilities have been provided rent-free. Jan Brennan, Secretary and 16-year volunteer for the Pantry, extends a special thank you to Ray Pracht for the use of the Locust Street building. Brennan expressed gratitude for the volunteers and the support of the community.

The Pantry has over 40 volunteers who help serve on average 4,000 individuals in a year in the Union RXI School District. During 2020, due to the COVID pandemic the pantry closed for six weeks, and then offered curbside service for a time.



The Pantry reopened July 1st, 2021 but with some restrictions. Brennan explained only one (1) client per family may visit once per month.

The Pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00pm-4:00pm. For inquiries or to make a donation, please call 636-584-7050.

REMINDER: KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF ROAD

Many homeowners and landowners will not give much thought as to the direction in which they blow their grass clippings. But did you know that intentionally blowing grass clippings from your mowed lawn into the street could be dangerous to others, illegal and subject you to fines?

Please remember to sweep or blow grass clippings off the street and back into your yard. If you do not remove yard waste from the street, you are breaking the law. City Ordinance, Section 215.230 defines littering to include yard waste, limbs or rubbish of any kind, on the right-of-way of any public street, road or state highway.

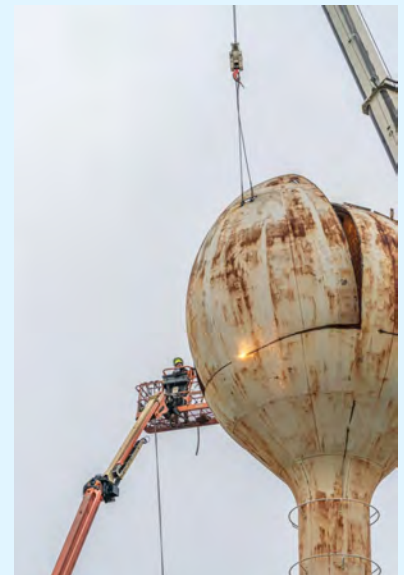
Aside from being aesthetically unappealing, those grass clippings will be flushed into the storm water and could possibly contribute to failure of the storm drain and cause area flooding.

It's dangerous. Freshly cut grass is slippery and can cause a motorcyclist or bicyclist to lose traction and crash.



East Central College's beautiful campus has always made a grand first impression as you enter Union from the east. A little bit of nostalgia, a little bit eyesore, the old rusty water tower was removed from the campus skyline on May 26th. The "Horton Water Sphere" was completed in 1971. It was the first structure on ECC's Union campus and provided water to the campus up until 2006.

Photo Credit: Wanda Parsons



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City Collector Eric Schmuke

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

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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 PHOTO

Prairie Dell Sunset View
By Wanda Parsons

YARDWASTE PICKUPS

Place yard waste at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

All pickup dates are Wednesdays, except **June 3** and **September 2**, which are Thursdays.

- Jul 7, 21
- Aug 4, 18
- Sep 2, 15
- Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
- Nov 3, 10, 17, 24
- Dec 8, 22

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

- Limit of two items
- Last regular trash pickup day each month.



Text **unionalerts** to **99411** to enroll in emergency alerts system.



CodeRED Community Emergency Alerts include weather warnings, such as severe thunderstorms, tornados and flash floods, as well as emergency events such as boil water advisories and major traffic disruption. Depending on the alert, it can be sent to all subscribers, or only those citizens within the affected geographic region. You may want to sign up for your residence and your place of business.

Enroll now at www.unionmissouri.org/codered or simply text “unionalerts” to 99411. This will send a link to you via text. Click the link to go to our enrollment page where you can sign up to receive notifications.

If you need help with registration, call Union City Hall at 636-583-3600.