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from the mayor

Greetings Citizens of Union,

I would like to start off by saying *THANK YOU!*

Thank you for electing me as your new mayor. The last two months have flown by while I've been catching up on the City's business, and like a sponge, soaking up as much information with all that is going on in this great community.

We had our 40th Founders Day celebration on June 1. It was great seeing everyone there enjoying the activities. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the younger children playing 3 on 3 basketball. The intensity on their faces told the whole story. The food, as always, was excellent.

On June 2, our community hosted the Franklin County Bicentennial Parade and Festival. *WOW!* is all I can say about the turnout for the parade and events. It was great to see all our Franklin County communities involved in the parade, as well as booths and attendance in the downtown activities. This was one of those events that shows what we can accomplish when our communities come together collectively. I truly hope this continues in the future. It's things like this in our communities that will help make this the greatest County in the state. I believe that we should lead by example, as we did on that amazing day.

We have our railroad crossing on N. Washington Ave and N. Church Street being updated with needed repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience the detours may have caused.

We are getting excited for the construction of the new city hall building. It will be much more accessible for everyone. Contrary to much criticism around our community, this was the best option for city hall, coming under costs of remodeling the old city hall, or the old Frick's building.

As the 4th of July ascends upon us, I would like to take a moment and remind everyone to please be safe and respectful as you celebrate Independence Day. Respect our law enforcement that evening so they are not chasing late night fireworks, and able to focus on the safety of our community. Hope to see everyone out to see our annual fireworks display July 3, at Veterans Memorial Park.

I am looking forward to Union's continued growth and success. If there is anything I can do to answer your concerns, please feel free to call City Hall (636)583-3600, or my cell (636)584-5173. Just an FYI, I am currently employed, so please leave me a voicemail, and I will return your call as soon as possible.



Respectfully,

Rodney J. Tappe
Rod Tappe

Mayor's favorite quote:

"It's never wrong to do the right thing."

— Mark Twain

July 3	Fireworks Display 9:30pm Concert (Garden Party Band) 6:30pm (Veterans Memorial Park)
July 4	Independence Day (City Hall Closed)
July 5	Concert in the Park (Steve Leslie Band)
July 8	Board of Aldermen Meeting
July 19	Lawn Chair Movie Night— <i>The House With A Clock In Its Walls</i>
Aug 2	Concert in the Park (Paul Cockrum Trio)
Aug 12	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Aug 16	Lawn Chair Movie Night — <i>Dumbo</i>
Aug 18	Closing Day— Splash-n-Swimplex
Aug 20	Doggie Day at Splash-n-Swimplex
Sep 2	Labor Day (City Hall Closed)
Sep 6	Concert in the Park (8 Track)
Sep 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sep 15	East Central College 50th Anniversary Celebration
Sep 21	Twilight Vintage Baseball & Movie — <i>Field of Dreams</i> (Veterans Memorial Park)
Oct 4-5	3rd Annual Wingfest (Downtown)
Oct 14	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Oct 25	Halloween Bash (City Park)
Nov 11	Veterans Day Observed (City Hall Closed)
Nov 12	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Friday (City Hall Closed)
Dec 6	Winter Wonderland Parade and Children's Christmas Party (City Hall)
Dec 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Dec 24-25	Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (City Hall Closed)

Firework Festivities



Union's Firework Festivities will take place on July 3, 2019 -- at Veterans Memorial Park (600 Progress Parkway). The display will ignite at approximately 9:30pm. Food, drinks and adult beverages will be offered for purchase beginning at 5:00pm. Facepainter and balloon artists will start getting creative at

5:30pm. Garden Party Band will take the stage under the Lake Pavilion at 6:30pm to play great California Country Rock, Oldies, Classic Country, Classic Rock, and fun music. Be sure to stick around after the fireworks to hear the band play until 10:30pm. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and yard games to make an evening of it at the park!

The event is sponsored by the City of Union and Sons of American Legion Squadron 297.

TWILIGHT VINTAGE BASEBALL & MOVIE

Come out to witness baseball as it was in the 1860's. Two St. Louis vintage base ball teams will faceoff at this FREE community event at Veterans Memorial Park (600 Progress Parkway) on September 21, 2019 from 5pm-10pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the show! After the game, *Field of Dreams* will be showing on the big screen at the field starting at 8pm.



Next time you are at City Hall, look up. The City of Union is "flying a kite" as part of the Franklin County Bicentennial Celebration.

The City of Union kite was designed by Wanda Parsons, utilizing the city's U logo.

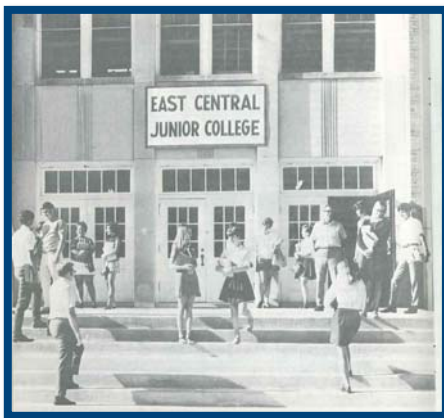
Snap a selfie with our kite, post on Facebook or Instagram, tag #IFoundaKite and @FranklinMO200 to enter a contest where you could win \$100.

Learn more about the kites online at franklinmo200.com/kites or call Wanda Parsons at 636-583-3600.

On Sunday, September 15, from noon to 4 p.m., East Central College is celebrating their 50th Anniversary of the first day of classes.

The celebration will be held at East Central College, 1964 Prairie Dell Road in Union. Plans include food trucks, music, an escape room, the air evac helicopter, and other demonstrations/activities for all ages. **The anniversary ceremony will take place at 2 p.m.**

Plans are underway to have a display of vehicles from the 1950s,



60s and 70s. The first 50 vehicles will receive a commemorative dash plaque.

For more information about the event, contact:

Bonnie Gardner

636-584-6502

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Pictured: East Central College held it's first classes in 1969 with 474 students in what is today the City Hall Auditorium.

Are you Recycling Wrong?

If you're tossing things in the recycling bin out of sheer hope, you might be an "aspirational recycler." Aspirational recyclers are well-intentioned people who put things in our recycle bins that do not belong there.

Substances like grease, food particles, and unrecyclable materials attached to recyclable materials are forms of contamination. Recycled material buyers will not purchase contaminated materials so they usually end up in a landfill. For instance, a cardboard takeout pizza box is recyclable unless it is greasy or has cheese stuck on it because these substances soak into the fibers making them unusable. Even a bigger concern is you might contribute to the entire truckload of recyclables being rejected and sent to the landfill.



Acceptable Items



Paper



Flattened Cardboard



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Glass Bottles & Jars



Metal Food & Beverage Cans



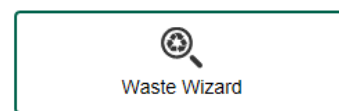
Food & Beverage Cartons

The City of Union and Waste Connections would like to remind residents about what is and is not acceptable to place in your recycle bins.

Refer to the illustration on the left.

All containers need to be rinsed and free from food and liquids, including water.

A handy recycling guide or "Waste Wizard" can be found at www.wasteconnections.com.



Residents are asked to call City Hall at 636-583-3600 if you have an issue with your trash or recycling collection, missed pickups, etc. **Do not call Waste Connections directly.**

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City Clerk Jonita Copeland

Chief of Police..... Andrew Parker

City Engineer..... Jonathan Zimmermann


Finance Director Heather Keith

Parks and Recreation Director Angela Sullivan

Public Works Director Kayla Stephens

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Pictured: Rendering of the new city hall to be located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Locust Street.

Demolition of the current building (old Fricks) is scheduled for July 2019 and completion of the new city hall anticipated in the fall of 2020.

Future plans include remodeling the current city hall auditorium to meet accessibility issues and to house the Parks and Recreation Department.



YARDWASTE PICKUPS

July 10, 24

August 14, 28

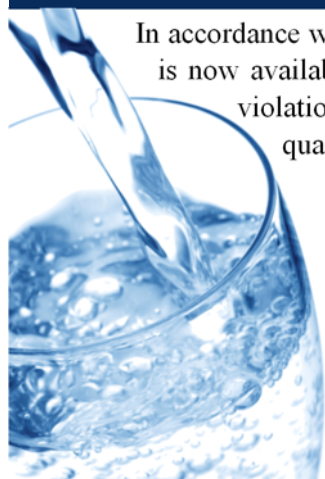
September 11, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 11, 26

2018 Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report



In accordance with federal law, the 2018 Annual Consumer Confidence Report is now available. The Consumer Confidence Report indicates what, if any violations the City of Union has incurred in the past year, and the quality of the water that was provided to you.

View online at: www.unionmissouri.org/2018CCR.pdf

Paper copies are available at:

Union City Hall, 500 East Locust Street, Union, MO 63084

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at
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