

talk of the town

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Chief of Police.....Norman Brune
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Finance Director.....Heather Keith
Parks and Recreation Director.....Kevin Arand
Public Works Director.....Harold Lampkin

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Eco-Friendly Park Maintenance

Aquatic Weed Control

Pond moss, slime, seaweed, green gunk, algae; regardless of what you call it, unwanted aquatic plants present a major problem. As beneficial as they are, aquatic plants easily overpopulate and become a nuisance.

City Parks Department employee, Terry Bliss, recently introduced 6 small grass carp to the city lake, adjacent to Clark Vitt School, and another 4 to the lake at the new Veterans Memorial Park (estimated opening Spring 2017).

Grass carp, or white amur is long, slender and silver colored. Grass carp feed almost exclusively on aquatic plants. They can eat 2-3 times their weight each day and may gain 5 -10 pounds in a single year. Grass carp cannot reproduce in ponds and lakes, and therefore, they make an excellent non-chemical method of aquatic weed control.

Forestry Program

The Urban Forestry Council has been reinstated and together with city staff, elected officials, and representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation and Shaw Nature Reserve, their first plan of business is to assist in planning of a new trail in Veterans Memorial Park, a 44-acre park/sports complex. The trail will wind through the park, passing through a grove of trees. Invasive plant species were identified and will be removed while saving most of the native trees, plants and grasses.



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from the mayor



I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. Things around the City have been busy. Our road crews have been working on several new sidewalk projects and on the new roundabout on Prairie Dell Road near East Central College. With the wet summer, our Parks Department staff worked diligently to keep the parks in great shape.

The new pump system installed last year at the City pool performed extremely well and kept the water crystal clear. The diligent lifeguards and staff at the pool did a great job of providing a safe and fun place to spend a hot summer afternoon. In August the Expression Swing was installed at the City Park and construction work began at Veterans Memorial Park.

The City received new bids for construction of the new buildings and earthwork at Veterans Memorial Park. With some cost saving adjustments the park will meet the City's budget and allow construction to move forward.

The next several months promise to be busy ones as the construction season comes to a close. As fall arrives take some time to enjoy the outdoors with the cooler temperatures and spectacular colors.

Mike Livengood



Mayor

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There's no better view ... than the view from a swing!

Thanks to the recently installed Expression Swing™ at the Union City Park, the view from the swing is better than ever. The swing is a patented face-to-face design featuring a bucket seat for children under five and a comfortable adult swing seat that allows a parent and child to interact with each other and to experience another's facial expressions while at play. Fall is a great time to enjoy our parks, so get out there and check out the view from the new Expression Swing with your little ones, and maybe you'll discover your own inner-child.

IMPORTANT DATES



OCT	October Yard Waste Pickups 7, 14, 21, 28
Oct 8	Business Expo
Oct 11	Kelly Miller Circus Hosted by Union Kiwanis Club
Oct 12	Board of Aldermen, 6:30pm
Oct 24	Coat Drive Distribution at Union Moose Lodge
Oct 30	Halloween Bash
NOV	November Yard Waste Pickups 4, 11, 18, 25
Nov 5	Chamber of Commerce Evening of Excellence Banquet & Awards
Nov 6	Electronics Recycling Drive
Nov 9	Board of Aldermen, 6:30pm
Nov 11	Veteran's Day City Offices Closed
Nov 26- 27	Thanksgiving City Offices Closed
DEC	December Yard Waste Pickups 9, 23
Dec 11	Children's Christmas Party and Winter Wonderland Parade
Dec 14	Board of Aldermen, 6:30pm
Dec 24- 25	Christmas City Offices Closed

City of Union Business Expo
expo a great place for **U**
7th Annual expo 2015
Thursday, October 8
3:00pm - 6:00pm
UNION CITY HALL

Over 50 Union area businesses and organizations will be showcasing their goods and services at the 7th Annual Business Expo Thursday, October 8th, 3pm-6pm at Union City Hall. Many businesses will be offering free samples and providing prizes and giveaways. Admission is FREE, however donations for the Union Food Pantry (cash or non-perishable food items) are encouraged. Donate \$2 or 2 items and receive a Union tote bag. Donate \$8 or 8 items and receive a Union umbrella. For \$10 or 10 items, you will receive both an umbrella and tote bag. For more info about the Expo, call City Hall at 636-583-3600 or the Union Area Chamber of Commerce at 636-583-8979.

Evening of Excellence
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 Banquet & Award Ceremony

of the Year, Uniquely Union, and Outstanding Community Project.

Nominees must be a member in good standing with the Union Area Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline to submit nominations is October 19, 2015.

For more information about the event, please contact the Chamber office.

The Chamber is seeking nominations for the following award categories: **Community Partner of the Year, Non-Profit Organization**

www.unionmochamber.org
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WINTER COAT DRIVE *9th Annual*
Community Coat Drive

Give the gift of warmth this fall and clean out your closet at the same time. Second Blessings Food Pantry of Union, MO is accepting gently used and new coats, scarves, gloves, boots, etc. from now through October 19th. Items collected will be distributed at the Union Moose Lodge on October 24th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Anyone needing winter clothing is welcome. Drop off locations in Union are: United Bank of Union—Main Street and Rebel Road Locations, St. Paul Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Purschke Oil-Conoco, Eagle Safety Products, Union Eye Associates and Active Family Chiropractic. For more information, contact Deanna @ 314-808-0119 or Donna @ 636-584-5037.

Union is Booming
Construction Permits on the Rise

Union continues to grow in population, up 6.42% from 2010 through July 2014. This growth and a moderately improved economy has spurred a flurry of new construction projects.

The City of Union has seen a huge increase in new single family homes in 2015. From January 1, 2015 through September 15, 2015, the City of Union Building Department has issued a total of 138 single family building permits. That number represents an increase of 156% over 2014.

A majority of the single family permits issued are for single family attached homes in three new 55+ Communities. Oak View Village is constructing 49 new units this year, for a total of 96 units. Grayhawk Village is adding 7 new units, for a total of 46, with more planned in future phases. Both of these 55+ communities are located on the east side of Union. The newest 55+ community is Independence Valley, with 25 units under construction and a total of 74 units planned for future development. Home builders are gravitating toward meeting the demand of the baby boomers, now reach-

The Fall Electronic Recycling Event is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015, 8:00am—1:00pm. Drop-off is at the City of Union maintenance shed, located at 202 W. Brown Street (just off of North Washington Ave.).

The event is sponsored by the City of Union and recycling is collected by Midwest Recycling Center.

Basically anything with a cord or battery, working or not, will be accepted. A fee will be charged for televisions: up to 27" \$20, larger TVs and consoles are \$40.

Lawn and garden must have oil & gas removed.

Smoke detectors, glass lamps, light bulbs and florescent tubes will NOT be accepted.

The City of Union will be collecting monetary donations and non-perishable food items for the Union Food Pantry. Your donation, no matter how small or large will be greatly appreciated.

Questions? Call City Hall at 636-583-3600 or Midwest Recycling Center at 636-223-0150.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



ing the age where they are ready to downsize; not yet ready for a retirement home, but looking to have less responsibility and less house.

In addition to the residential building boom, the City of Union building department has issued 1 new commercial permit and 3 new industrial permits.

Construction is also underway at Veterans Memorial Park, an approximate 44-acre multi-use park off Progress Parkway. The new park will include additional ball fields, walking trails, a splash park and more, providing additional recreational opportunities for Union residents and surrounding communities.