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### Recycling and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule

Leave at curb by 6:00a.m.

	Recycle	Yard Waste
JUL	2, 16	9, 23
AUG	6, 20	13, 27

New schedule to be released in August for remaining of year.

\* July 30th—No pickups

# from the mayor From the town

As summer arrives and the weather begins to calm down after a stormy spring season, I want to strongly encourage you to get outdoors and reconnect with Mother Nature. If you are a parent, I especially encourage you to get your children outside and enjoy the spoils of nature.

I was fortunate enough to grow up connected with nature; fishing, hunting, riding bikes and my favorite; playing in mud. If you are like me, the memories of riding my bike throughout town with my best friends can never be replaced and I will cherish



those memories forever. In these days of computers, tablets, smartphones and portable gaming devices, it has become increasingly difficult to get our children outside. The Union Parks Department champions several events and team sports for your children and YOU to participate in this summer and fall. A small sampling of events or classes for adults, include; water aerobics and sand volleyball. For the children, the Parks Department has art classes, swim lessons and much more. New this year to the Union Parks system is a 9-"hole" disk course. Please visit the City's web site at www.unionmissouri.org for more information on all park and City activities.

We are fortunate in Franklin County to be blessed with such great outdoor attractions; Shaw Nature Reserve, Robertsville State Park, Meramac State Park and beautiful rivers to fish and float, providing Union citizens numerous opportunities to get outside. So, unplug the computer, leave the smartphone in the car and go hiking at a state park. Throw a fishing line in the water of the Bourbeuse River with your son or daughter. Discover thousands of flowering Missouri native plant species at Shaw Nature Reserve while getting some exercise. Most importantly, reconnect with nature and all that Mother Nature offers. You and your children will grow closer and create wonderful memories together.

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### 2013 Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report

In accordance with federal law, the 2013 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/2013\_CCR\_Union.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 636-583-3600.

### Play a Part – Join a Board or Commission

There are several ways in which you can play a part in the continued success of YOUR community; one way is to become involved by sitting on a City Board or Commission.

Board of Aldermen (Elected by the people) – The Board of Aldermen is the legislative body of the City of Union responsible for the passage of ordinances and resolutions, including the annual budget. Two representatives are elected for a staggered 2 -year term from each of the City's four wards.

Board of Adjustments (Mayoral Appointee, 5-yr term) – The City of Union Board of Adjustment acts on appeals or variances from the zoning and subdivision regulations that provide for the establishment of zoning and regulates land use in the City. Park Board (Mayoral Appointee, 3-yr term) -The Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory Board is composed of volunteer residents and operates as a public interface between City residents and City officials to advise, recommend and assist, where possible, in matters concerning parks and recreation within the City.

Planning and Zoning Commission (Mayoral Appointee, 4-yr term) - The Planning & Zoning Commission makes, adopts, and amends, if necessary, a City plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission also prepares zoning regulations related to the height, area, bulk, location and use of private, non-profit and public structures and premises and population density.

Industrial Development Authority (Mayoral Appointee, 6-yr term) - The IDA was organized for the following purposes: to develop, advance, encourage and promote commercial, industrial, agricultural and manufacturing facilities in and about the City of Union, Missouri, all for the benefit of Union, Missouri and its residents.



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Source: Trails.com

### **Climate Express Inc.**



As you and your family set off on vacation or a weekend trip this summer, we suggest a new driving game; counting Climate Express trucks. Whatever the direction your family is headed, chances are you will quickly run out of fingers and toes as Climate Express operates in the 48 contiguous United States.

What began as a small refrigerated freight company in 1996 with 10 trucks has blossomed into one of the region's most recognized truck lines.

Located in the Union Corporate Center since 2012, Climate Express now has 165 trucks and over 300 trailers and now operates as a refrigerated and dry freight carrier. The company primarily hauls food related products, such as; produce, frozen foods, food containers (Silgan is a large customer) and candy. As a matter of fact, Climate Express received the 2013 Hershey Carrier of the Year Award for their ontime performance.

Tim Laske, President, states that, "the company's strategy is providing a high quality service to our customers and striving to sustain partnerships with our customers based upon honest communications and a mutual respect..."



In addition to the headquarter location, Climate Express has a 20,000 square foot repair facility on site to keep their trucks in proper working order. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, Climate's repair facility is heated with waste oil from drain oil.

Over the past few years, Climate Express has increased their efforts to increase their fuel economy by purchasing new Volvo trucks with automatic transmissions. Last year Climate Express purchased over 3 million gallons of diesel fuel, so, every extra mile counts.

Climate Express hopes to continue its growth in the future with growing their fleet by 15 - 20%. For those interested in a career as a driver with a growing company, Climate Express is always looking for conscientious experienced drivers. You may contact Karen at (888)305-0450. Also, repair technicians positions are available.

After searching throughout the region for a new location for their headquarters and repair shop, Climate Express chose the Union Corporate Center in 2011 with the grand opening in 2012. On choosing the City of Union as their location for their headquarters, Tim stated that the proximity of the Union Corporate Center to Interstate 44 and ease to access their customers was the deciding factor.

For more information about the Union Corporate Center, visit <u>www.unionmissouri.org</u>.



### **CLIMATE EXPRESS**

Size of Facility

7,500 SF Office 26,000 SF Shop & Warehouse

# of Employees 40 in Union, 200 w/drivers

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Located to Union 2012

Market 48 Contiguous United States

Website www.climateexpress.com

### Contact Tim Laske, President 12 Progress Parkway Union, MO 63084 888-305-0450

## talk of the town

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### city elected officials

Municipal Judge	A. David Arand
City Collector	Terry Copeland

### departmental listing

City Administrator	Russell Rost
City Clerk	Jonita Copeland
Chief of Police	Norman Brune
City Engineer	. Jonathan Zimmermann
Community Development Director	Joseph A. Graves
Finance Director	
Parks and Recreation Director	Kevin Arand
Public Works Director	Harold Lampkin

### web site

www.unionmissouri.org Facebook.com/CityofUnionMo

#### cable access

Charter Cable Channel 117.3 or Digital 993 — Union City Access Channel

### **Back to School Sales Tax Holiday**

The sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 3.

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Since the inception of the Missouri Back to School Sales Tax Holiday in 2005, the City of Union has participated in the "holiday" every single year. The sales tax holiday enables families to save hundreds of dollars of sales tax

on clothing, school supplies, and personal computers. Locally, both the State and Local sales tax will be waived.

Items that are included in the sales tax holiday include:

- Clothing—any article of wearing apparel, including footwear having a taxable value of \$100 or less.
- School supplies—not to exceed \$50 per purchase.
- Computer software—taxable value of \$350 or less.
- Personal computers—not to exceed \$3,500.
- Computer peripheral devices—not to exceed \$3,500.

For a full list of qualifying items, please visit: dor.mo.gov/ business/sales/taxholiday/school

When shopping for back to school items, we encourage you and your family to please shop locally.

### Backyard Pools – Fencing Requirement

Each year, many of us enjoy the warm weather by swimming in our backyard pools and relaxing in hot tubs. Tragically though, over 200 young children drown in backyard swimming pools each year. (Source: American Red Cross)

The Board of Aldermen have recently passed an ordinance amending Section 405.050 of the Code of Ordinances, requiring all swimming pools with a water depth of 24" (twenty four inches) be fenced so as to insure the safety of the citizens of Union. Proper fencing shall be, at a minimum, four (4) feet in height and constructed so that any such pool is not readily accessible to passersby or small children.

A building permit will be required for all swimming pools exceeding the 24" water depth. Please contact the City of Union Building Department at 636-583-1805 for more information.

