

talk of the town

from the mayor



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During the summer the City continues to work on several roadway and sidewalk improvements throughout the area. In July and August several chip and seal projects will be completed within the City in addition to the construction of a stop light at the intersection of Progress Parkway and Highway 50.

As you drive through these areas, pay particular attention to construction zones, lane changes, and road closures. I realize it may be inconvenient, but the finished projects are well worth the temporary inconvenience.

Please remember there is no fishing or swimming in the City Lake or the lakes at Veterans Memorial Park. Inside you will find details on the winter trout program beginning in November. Although there may be some fish in the lakes, we are working on developing a fishery to keep the lakes well stocked in the coming years. The fisheries take time to get established and it is important we give the fish time to grow and develop.

YARDWASTE PICKUPS

July 11, 25

August 8, 22

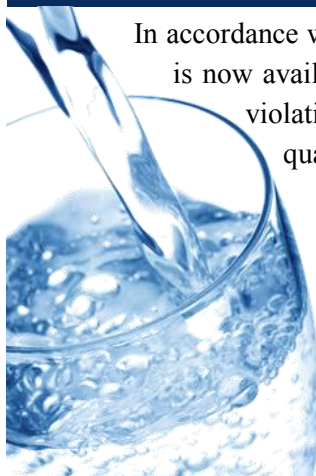
September 12, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 19

2017 Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report



In accordance with federal law, the 2017 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/2017CCR.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.

Tree Inventory Conducted



Davey Resource Group recently completed a comprehensive inventory and assessment of a 3-acre wooded area in Veterans Memorial Park. Jacob McMains, Davey's certified arborist, identified the species, condition and maintenance needs as well as mapped the trees. The study

was partially funded by a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

In total, 56 trees were identified: a variety of hackberry, hickory and oak as well as a few boxelder, black walnut, ash, black cherry and the American elm. The largest tree inventoried, a gold medal white oak, was 40" in diameter.

Next time you take a walk at Veterans Memorial Park, slow down to appreciate the trees, their diversity and usefulness, not to mention the comfort you find in the shade of their canopy.



2019 marks Franklin County's 200th year. The Franklin County 1818 Corporation along with representatives from the county's chambers of commerce, city governments, historical organizations and others have been busy planning for a yearlong celebration of Franklin County's historical and cultural heritage, achievement, and growth from past to present. You can follow along online as stories, photos and events are added.

www.facebook.com/franklincountybicentennial
and www.franklinmo200.com

Want to get involved? Contact Marc Houseman at 636-239-0280 or email info@franklinmo200.com.

July 3	Fireworks Display 9:30pm Concert (8-Track) 6:30pm (Veterans Memorial Park)
July 4	Independence Day (City Hall Closed)
July 6	Concert in the Park (Pocket Change)
July 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
July 20	Lawn Chair Movie Night—"CoCo"
Aug 3	Concert in the Park (Pik'n Lik'n)
Aug 12	Closing Day—Splash-n-Swimplex
Aug 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Aug 14	Doggie Day at Splash-n-Swimplex
Aug 15	Day Trip—State Fair Fun—Register by 7/30/18
Aug 17	Lawn Chair Movie Night— "The Nut Job"
Sep 3	Labor Day (City Hall Closed)
Sep 7	Concert in the Park (Fanfare Entertainment)
Sep 8-14	Franklin County Silver Games
Sep 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sep 12	Day Trip—Cards vs Pittsburgh Pi- rates—Register by 8/29/18
Sep 21	Lawn Chair Movie Night— "Everyone's Hero"
Sep 22	Vintage Baseball (Veterans Memorial Park)
Oct 5-6	2nd Annual Wingfest (Downtown)
Oct 8	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Oct 9	Prison Break—Register by 9/20/18
Oct 26	Halloween Bash (City Park)
Nov 12	Veterans Day Observed (City Hall Closed)
Nov 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Nov 22	Thanksgiving (City Hall Closed)
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Friday (City Hall Closed)
Dec 7	Winter Wonderland Parade and Children's Christmas Party (City Hall)
Dec 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Dec 24-25	Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (City Hall Closed)



Building Permits Surge with Population Growth

Union is on track for a record breaking year in the number of building permits issued.

Housing

Building permits are a leading indicator of new home construction. The City of Union building department issued 93 single family building permits valued at \$10,151,726 through the end of May. That is a 48% increase in the number of new single family homes over the same time period last year.

Of those 93 permits, 23 were for single family detached homes, most of which are under construction in St. Andrews Place, Union's largest subdivision.

Redbird Estates, a new R3 subdivision, accounts for the majority of the 36 single family attached homes. Redbird Estates is located off of Highway 50, west of Pro Body Works.

Developers are scurrying to keep up with the demand for senior housing. Denmark Villas is the latest 55+

community, accounting for 34 single family attached homes. Denmark Villas is located on Denmark Road, across from Stablestone Estates.

Commercial & Industrial Development

Following is a list of commercial/industrial projects with a total estimated value of \$8,683,603.

Franklin County SB40 Resource Board (New Office Building); Forest Hills Properties (Warehouse); Buddeez (Addition); Gateway Extrusions (Addition & Alteration); United Bank of Union (Addition).

Population Growth

Union continues to be the fastest growing city in Franklin County, with a population of 11,524. According to the 2017 census population estimates, Union had an increase of 12.9% since 2010. Of the seven largest cities in Franklin County, only Pacific and Sullivan showed a population increase, 3% and 0.9%, respectively.



City Lake Improvements

A few things have changed since the 4-acre City Lake was built in 1955.



Top: May 2018 aerial
Credit: Wanda Parsons

Bottom: Historical aerial estimated early 1960's
Credit: Washington Historical Society

Beginning in November 2018, the Union City Lake will participate in the winter trout stocking program in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Recent improvements to the lake include three fishing jetties, a handicap accessible dock and additional parking and sidewalk improvements. The improvements were developed in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation through a community assistance program (CAP) project.

The City would like to acknowledge community members Vicki Jo Hooper, Delma and Tony Holdmeyer and Jennifer Girando from the Missouri Department of Conservation who were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.

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Parks and Recreation Director Angela Sullivan
Public Works Director Harold Lampkin

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CABLE ACCESS

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

In May, construction of the third and final playground in Veterans Memorial Park was completed. The playground was constructed with a Land Water Conservation Fund grant in cooperation with the Department of the Interior – National Park Service, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the City of Union.



This spring, Union High School students, and community volunteers from Rotary, Kiwanis, and Project Clean Stream, joined United Bank of Union's Project United completing several beautification projects throughout the City.