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# talk of the town

## from the mayor



It's hard to believe summer is already here! What a great time to spend with family and friends. It has been a busy year for the City. The repair to the City Lake went very well and will allow for additional improvements to be constructed later this year. Fishing at the lake is not allowed until the fish have had a chance to spawn and trout are stocked in the fall of 2018. Fishing opportunities still exist at the retention pond at St. Andrews Drive and Denmark Road.

The recent dedication of the Disabled Veterans Memorial was a huge success and a great way to kick off the summer. Thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered their time, or worked to make it a great event.

The recently completed Veterans Memorial Park is a wonderful addition to our community. If you have not visited, find the time to walk around the trail or take the kids to the splash pad or one of the playgrounds. I think you will be very pleased with what you find. I would like to thank all of the members of the City staff, contractors, and volunteer organizations that came together to make the project possible.

In addition to visiting the new park, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the City pool, attend the summer concert series, movies in the park and the Franklin County Fair. We have some great activities planned throughout the summer to make this time of year even more enjoyable for you and your family. Get the kids outside, spend time together with friends and family, and have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Mike Livengood*

### 2016 Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report



In accordance with federal law, the 2016 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/2016CCR.pdf](http://www.unionmissouri.org/2016CCR.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.



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#### YARDWASTE PICKUPS

July 12, 26

August 9, 23

September 13, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22

December 13, 27

July 3	Fireworks Display (Veterans Memorial Park)
July 4	Independence Day (City Hall Closed)
July 7	6:30 PM—Family Night Concert
July 12	Fair Kickoff Parade
July 13-16	Franklin County Fair
July 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
July 21	Lawn Chair Movie Night— "FINDING DORY" (City Park)
Aug 4	6:30 PM—Family Night Concert featuring "PIK'N LIK'N" (City Park)
Aug 14	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Aug 18	Lawn Chair Movie Night— "PETE'S DRAGON (City Park)
Aug 21 1:15:34pm	<b>Total Solar Eclipse</b>
Sep 1	6:30 PM—Family Night Concert featuring "FANFARE ENTERTAINMENT" (City Park)
Sep 4	Labor Day (City Hall Closed)
Sep 11	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sep 15	Lawn Chair Movie Night—"THE JUNGLE BOOK" (City Park)
Oct 6-7	1st Annual Wingfest (Downtown)
Oct 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Oct 27	Halloween Bash
Nov 10	Veterans Day (City Hall Closed)
Nov 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Nov 23	Thanksgiving (City Hall Closed)
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Friday (City Hall Closed)
Dec 8	Christmas Parade and Children's Christmas Party
Dec 11	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Dec 25-26	Christmas (City Hall Closed)



Free family movies are shown at Union City Park (Christina & Park) by the large pavilion on select Friday evenings (see schedule at left.) All friends of the community are invited. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Coolers are welcome. Shows start at approximately 8:00 pm or as soon as it is dark enough. **Movies are subject to change due to availability of the movie.**



The Franklin County Fair kicks off with a parade on July 12th. Then come on out to the Union fairgrounds on July 13-16 and enjoy all the fair has to offer including tractor pulls, demolition derby, agriculture/farm animals, games, carnival rides and, of course, music!

This year's featured performer is Country Music Singer/Songwriter Trent Tomlinson. He'll be taking the main stage on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 9 pm.

Visit [fcyf.org](http://fcyf.org) for a complete schedule and to purchase your season passes.

Planning for the first annual Union Wingfest on October 6 & 7, 2017 is currently underway.

The Wingfest will be held on the Union City Hall Auditorium parking lot. This event will feature music, beverages, activities, contests, and, of course, Wings!

What is a Wingfest without Wings? The Union Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for Vendors. Want to participate but you don't sell wings? That's OK! We are looking for non-Wing vendors as well.

**For more information or to get involved, contact Melissa at the Union Area Chamber of Commerce, 636-583-8979, by email [director@unionmochamber.org](mailto:director@unionmochamber.org) or go online to [www.unionmochamber.org](http://www.unionmochamber.org).**

# SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017 08·21



On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total eclipse of the Sun will be visible in the continental United States for the first time in almost 40 years. A total eclipse is when the Sun is completely hidden by the Moon, the sky becomes dark, and the Sun's faint atmosphere (corona) becomes visible—looking like a beautiful halo. This total eclipse will only be visible on a narrow track stretching across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina.



## What's the Best Location for Seeing the Total Eclipse?

There is no simple answer to this question. The ideal place to be is on the center line where the weather is usually clear. The "wild card" is undoubtedly going to be the weather.

For our Union residents, you can simply stay home and have a great view.

Keep in mind, August 21 is a Monday and schools will be in session. Area schools and East Central College are organizing private viewing events for students and staff. If, however, you enjoy sharing the experience with multitudes of eclipse-chasers, there are several viewing events organized in Union and surrounding communities along the totality path.



Fortunate for us, Union is located right smack in the middle of this narrow strip, allowing viewers here to see 100% total solar eclipse for a duration of 2 minutes and 37 seconds. The eclipse event will begin at 11:48 a.m. with a partial eclipse, and reaching totality at 1:15:34 p.m., then remaining in total eclipse until 1:18:11 p.m.

*"Nothing you read, see, or hear can prepare you for the spine-tingling, goosebump-inducing experience of the total eclipse. The eerie twilight that confuses birds and other animals and, at times, humans, is like no other experience you have ever had. It is impossible to be a passive observer."*

Dr. Kate Russo, Eclipse-Chasing Psychologies and Author

Our viewing event will be held at Veterans Memorial Park. The 42-acre park offers covered pavilions, restrooms, playgrounds and a splash park. It is also handicap accessible. Concessions will be available for purchase as well.

## NEVER LOOK AT THE PARTIAL PHASES OF THE ECLIPSE WITHOUT PROPER EYE PROTECTION!

Checklist:

- ✓ Drinks & Snacks
- ✓ Sunscreen, sunglasses, hats & shade (umbrella, tent)
- ✓ Folding chairs and/or blankets
- ✓ **Eclipse Viewing Glasses (available at City Hall for \$1)**
- ✓ Reliable/Accurate timekeeper, radio, watch, phone

Optional:

- ✓ Pinhole projector
- ✓ Camera and/or binoculars with proper filters
- ✓ Games/Activities

Get more information at:

[www.unionmissouri.org/total\\_solar\\_eclipse\\_2017](http://www.unionmissouri.org/total_solar_eclipse_2017)

Veterans Memorial Park is now open. Located on Progress Parkway, it is one of the area's new favorite places to be this summer.



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### city elected officials

Municipal Judge ..... **A. David Arand**  
City Collector ..... **Terry Copeland**

### departmental listing

City Administrator ..... **Russell Rost**  
Assistant City Administrator ..... **James Schmieder**  
City Clerk ..... **Jonita Copeland**  
Chief of Police ..... **Norman Brune**  
City Engineer ..... **Jonathan Zimmermann**  
Finance Director ..... **Heather Keith**  
Parks and Recreation Director ..... **Kevin Arand**  
Public Works Director ..... **Harold Lampkin**

### web site

[www.unionmissouri.org](http://www.unionmissouri.org)

 [Facebook.com/CityofUnionMo](https://www.facebook.com/CityofUnionMo)

### cable access

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

## Workers Wanted:

In partnership with local industry, two registered apprenticeship programs will be offered by East Central College; precision machinist and industrial maintenance technician. Businesses or students interested in the program should contact Jeremy Goss at 636-649-5806.

## Now Hiring:

United Bank of Union, Union R-XI School District, OATS, Inc., Gateway Extrusions, Pharma-Tech Industries, Silgan Plastic Food Containers and the newly opened Volpi Foods.

The Union Area Chamber of Commerce maintains a list of job opportunities at [www.unionmochamber.org/jobs](http://www.unionmochamber.org/jobs).

## Missouri Pathfinders, Community Dedicate Disabled Veterans Memorial

On Sunday, May 7th, more than a 1,000 people attended the Disabled Veterans and MIA/POW Memorial parade and dedication at Veterans Memorial Park.



Photos by: Wanda Parsons