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from the mayor →

2017 promises to be another exciting year for the City. In the spring, Veterans Memorial Park will officially open. The new park includes the Disabled Veterans Memorial, splash pad, five ball fields, 3 soccer/football fields, a fishing pond, walking/bike path, 2 playgrounds, concession stands, and pavilions. It promises to be a great asset for our community for generations to come.



As Mayor, I often get asked what is Union's identity, what defines our town? For me it's about community and service. Just a year ago during the flood, families, friends, and strangers came together to help one another. In Union you will find countless opportunities to serve others, to give of your time, and to support other members of the community, be it through a charitable organization, a local church or school, or even just helping a friend or neighbor in need. As you begin the New Year, consider volunteering for your resolution (it sure beats going to the gym!) and you will help build a stronger and better community.

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends. On behalf of the City, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year.

YARDWASTE PICKUPS

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 12, 26

August 9, 23

September 13, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22

December 13, 27

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Officer Anthony Cardoza who was selected as the 2016 Officer of the Year. Anthony joined the Union Police Department in July of 2014. Prior to that he was a patrolman with Owensville PD. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 2007 to 2014. He is a dedicated Patrolman who shows a desire to serve the citizens of Union well.

Photo: Chief of Police Norman Brune, Cardoza and Captain Kyle Kitcher

Valentine Dinner & Comedy Show

This year's Valentine's Comedy Show will be held on February 11, 2017 at Union City Auditorium. Have you purchased your tickets yet?

Laugh till it hurts with these top rated comedians.

Chris Speyrer - A professional comedian since 1989, Speyrer opened Mason City Limits Comedy Club in Central Illinois in 2006. Chris is a fast paced, no wasted words kind of comic who tailors his comedy to the audience.

Denise Ramsden—Denise is a unique comedian, blending bold humor and biting sarcasm with personal experiences. Denise discusses familiar topics and situations, which give her an accessible quality few comics share. No one is safe from the infectious laugh infused throughout her act.



Headliner Tim Cavanagh - A nationally-touring comedian who has been headlining in comedy clubs and concerts for over 25 years, Cavanagh's show is a delightful mix of music, jokes, prizes and audience interaction that plays to all audiences. Tim has appeared on Comedy Central, Showtime, WGN America, Comcast Comedy Spotlight, and was featured on an ABC-TV prime time comedy special.

\$40.00 per person includes the comedy show, dinner, and dancing after the show. There will be a cash bar. Contact the Union Parks Department at 636-583-8471 to purchase tickets.

PLANT MORE TREES

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The next best time is now.

— CHINESE PROVERB



Jan 2	New Year's Day (Observed) City Hall Closed
Jan 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day City Hall Closed
Feb 11	6:00 PM—Valentine's Dinner and Comedy Show
Feb 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Feb 20	President's Day City Hall Closed
Mar 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Apr 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Apr 14	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
Apr 14	Good Friday City Hall Closes at Noon
May 5	Family Night Concert (TBA)
May 8	Board of Aldermen Meeting
May 19	Lawn Chair Movie Night (TBA)
May 29	Memorial Day City Hall Closed
Jun 2	Family Night Concert (TBA)
Jun 3	Founders Day
Jun 12	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Jun 16	Lawn Chair Movie Night (TBA)
Jul 4	Independence Day City Hall Closed

On November 19, 2016 members of the Union Forestry Council and Union High School Key Club planted 20 trees at Veterans Memorial Park. The Red and White Oak trees were provided for free by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. The City would like to thank the Key Club and Forestry Council for their work in making this year's Arbor Day event a great success!

HEAT & CONTROL BREAK GROUND at Union Corporate Center



A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Friday, November 4, 2016, for **Heat and Control Inc.** in the **Union Corporate Center** at 135 Corporate Drive, Union, Missouri.

Heat and Control, headquartered out of Hayward, CA, is a world leading manufacturer and supplier of food processing, coating, conveying, weighing, packaging and inspection equipment systems. Heat and Control Inc. acquired Spray Dynamics of St. Clair, MO in 2011 and with the tremendous growth in production have outgrown the St. Clair facility. They will be moving the entire St. Clair operation to their new location in the Union Corporate Center when construction is complete in late 2017.

Heat and Control is constructing a \$6MM, 103,000 square foot manufacturing and office facility on a 13.32 acre green field site at the corner of Prairie Dell Road and Corporate Drive in the Union Corporate Center.

The new facility will initially employ 50-60 personnel with the ability to expand to over 100 employees in years to come. Immediate plans call for 10 new jobs within two years.

The expansion of Heat and Control is great news for Franklin County. Heat and Control's decision to invest in a new building and expand operations in Franklin County is a huge win for the company and for the region. "Having outgrown the St. Clair facility with no room for expansion, the company (Heat and Control) was forced to look for alternative locations. Ultimately, the decision to move to Union was not so much about creating new jobs, but about protecting the jobs in the region," stated James Schmieder, City of Union Assistant City Administrator.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) related to this project. The grant funds will assist in financing the extension of Corporate Drive within the Union Corporate Center, opening up an additional 45 acres for future development. Union Corporate Center, a 242 acre industrial park, is recognized as one of the "premier" business parks in the St. Louis Metropolitan Region. The Union Corporate Center is owned and developed by the Union Development Corporation.

New Online Utility Billing

The City of Union is now offering online bill pay for your water bills. Our online utility billing application gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



To get started, Visit:

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/unionmo>

Or scan QR Code for instant access on your mobile device.

DISABLED VETERANS MEMORIAL Groundbreaking



Thanks to the Pathfinders, Cochran Engineering, KJU Construction, and all those who have donated to the memorial fund, the Disabled Veterans Memorial is soon to be a reality. Members of each organization and the City of Union celebrated the groundbreaking October 27, 2016 at Veterans Memorial Park.

A big shout out to volunteers from **Developmental Services of Franklin County** for keeping the courthouse square planters beautiful all summer long!



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Where will you be during the Great American Solar Eclipse? Mark your calendar for August 21, 2017

Millions of Americans will see the sight of a lifetime on August 21, 2017 when a rare total solar eclipse will sweep the nation in a narrow strip stretching from Oregon to South Carolina.

Union, Missouri 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 1:15:43 p.m., then remaining in total eclipse until 1:18:20 p.m.

The City of Union is planning a public viewing event at the new Veterans Memorial Park. We are hoping to have a full weekend of things to do and will post them on Facebook and www.unionmissouri.org as plans are made.

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017 UNION, MO

To safely view the solar eclipse, you will need proper eye protection. The City of Union will begin selling custom eclipse viewing glasses at City Hall beginning in April.

\$1.00 each.

Union, MO is a great place for **U** to be on August 21, 2017 ... so put this date on your calendar now.



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