



talk of the town



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Mayor Rodney Tappe, former Mayor Mike Livengood and the Board of Aldermen broke ground on the new City Hall on October 7, 2019. Completion is estimated for October 2020.

from the mayor ↘

Hello citizens of Union,

Wow! What a great second half of the year for our community. The Franklin County Fair was a success. We had our first dinner on the square, organized by our Chamber of Commerce. Everyone who attended had a great time. We had our groundbreaking for the new City Hall, which has been progressing nicely. Wing Fest was again a wonderful turn out and a great time by all.

By now if you have not noticed, our Memorial Park Drive bridge below Clark Vitt is now open, and the Christina bridge is coming along as expected. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Steve Weinhold for working with First Student, in getting routed around the construction of the two bridges. The best part is, the inconvenience is for only one school year instead of two.

The City of Union has paired up with the Franklin County Commission and Special Road District in designing a new Union Expressway to help relieve the traffic congestion at Hwy 50 and Hwy 47. This project has been overdue, however grant applications are making it all possible.

Everywhere you look new businesses and restaurants are opening their doors. This is a great time to try something new or visit an old favorite. And, if you are looking for a job, there are plenty of opportunities in Union. In addition, there are training programs offered by East Central College and the new welding school.

As the decade came to a close, Union is heading into a great future for growth. We cannot wait to see what 2020 brings our way. My wife, Debbie and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always, if there is anything on your mind, please do not hesitate to call City Hall 636-583-3600, or my cell 636-584-5173.



“ We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. — Winston Churchill ”

Respectfully

Rodney Tappe
Rod Tappe Mayor

Be on the lookout for your new water bill. In the past, your bill was printed in **BLUE** and **RED**. To put it simply, new water bills are in black and white. Other than the print color, bills will remain in the same postcard format.

Feb 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Feb 17	Presidents' Day (City Hall Closed)
Mar 7	Rummage Sale
Mar 9	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Mar 28	Union FFA Tire Recycling Event
Mar 28-29	Pickleball Tournament
Apr 1	Park Bathrooms/Fountains Open
Apr 4	Kite Fest
Apr 10	Good Friday (City Hall Closes 12pm)
Apr 10	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Apr 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Apr 25	Electronics Recycling Event
May 1	Concert in the Park
May 11	Board of Aldermen Meeting
May 15	Lawn Chair Movie Night
May 23	Splash-n-Swimplex Open
May 25	Memorial Day (City Hall Closed)
Jun 5	Concert in the Park
Jun 6	41st Annual Founder's Day
Jun 8	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Jun 19	Lawn Chair Movie Night
Jul 3	Union Fireworks Festivities
Jul 3	Independence Day Observed (City Hall Closed)
Jul 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Jul 17	Lawn Chair Movie Night



IT'S TIME TO BE COUNTED

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.

The 2020 Census will ask:

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.
- Whether the home is owned or rented.
- About the sex, age and race of each person in your home.
- About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.
- About the relationship of each person in your home.

The Census Will Never Ask Certain Questions

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for your social security number, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party, or your bank or credit card account numbers.

Governments, businesses, communities, and nonprofits all rely on the data that these questions produce to make critical decisions.

- The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.
- It's about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.
- Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.
- Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.
- Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.

Completing the census is mandatory. It's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

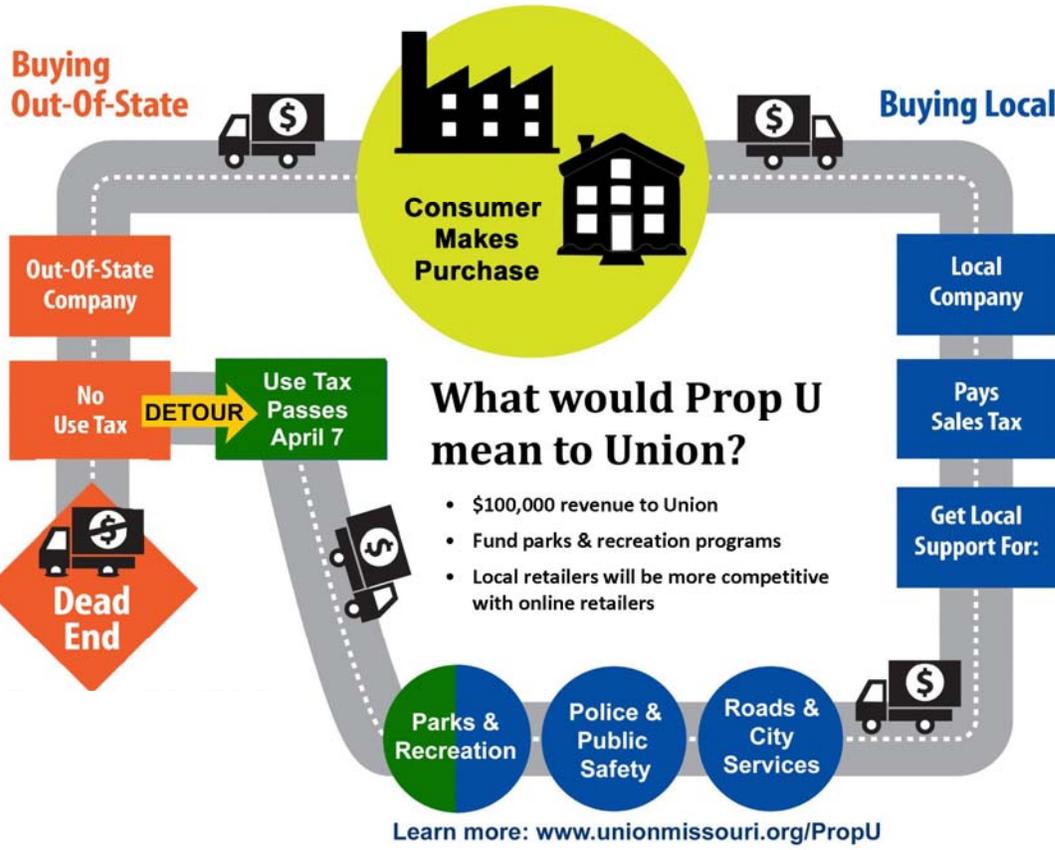
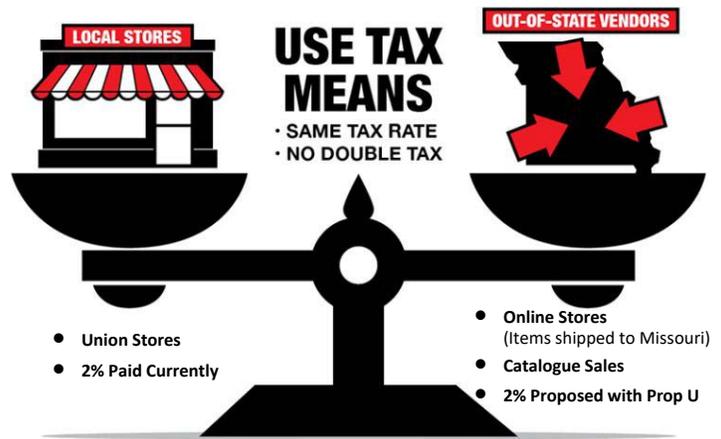
Visit 2020census.gov for more information.



Prop U Explained

Union residents will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition U on the April 7, 2020 ballot. Prop U would approve a “use tax” on the purchase of goods from out-of-state vendors.

In the City of Union, a local 2 percent sales tax applies to retail purchases. If Prop U is passed, a 2% use tax would apply to online purchases. **You pay one or the other — never both.**



The City of Union is missing out on approximately \$100,000 a year from uncollected use tax. If Prop U passes, that \$100,000 will be used to support our park facilities and recreational programs.

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY
FOR YOUR PARKS
FOR YOU
PROP U



OFFICER *of the* YEAR

Congratulations to School Resource Officer Amanda Carroll, recipient of the 2019 Officer of the Year Award.

Each year an Officer is recognized for their dedication in serving the citizens of Union and who shines in their performance of their duties.

Officer Carroll has been with the department since October 2018. She takes her position seriously, with a willingness to step up when needed, working extra shifts, quickly answering calls and helping with special investigations, always with a positive attitude. Her “bubbly” personality has earned her love and admiration from the children she protects to the teachers, administrators and other staff.

Pictured: Chief Andrew Parker, SRO Amanda Carroll, Asst. Chief Richard Neace

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City Collector Eric Schmuke

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

City Administrator Russell Rost
Assistant City Administrator..... James Schmieder
City Clerk Jonita Copeland
Chief of Police..... Andrew Parker
City Engineer Jonathan Zimmermann
Finance Director Heather Keith
Parks and Recreation Director Vacant
Public Works Director Kayla Stephens

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YARDWASTE PICKUPS

Place yard waste at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

All pickup dates are Wednesdays, except **May 28** and **September 10**, which are Thursdays.

Jan 8	Jul 8, 22
Feb 12	Aug 12, 26
Mar 11	Sep 10 , 23
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22	Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
May 6, 13, 20, 28	Nov 4, 11, 18, 25
Jun 3, 10, 17, 24	Dec 9, 23

It's a toilet, not a trash can!

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the city sewer system.

Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to the city sewer system. Every property owner connected to the city sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems, and a potential victim of those problems.



Don't Flush This ... Basically, the only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. *Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.* Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet.

- bandages and bandage wrappings
- cleaning wipes of any kind
- condoms
- cotton balls and swabs
- dental floss
- sanitary napkins
- tampons and tampon applicators
- disposable diapers
- facial tissue
- paper towels
- cat litter, pet poop
- medications, vitamins, supplements
- fats, oils and grease
- automotive fluids
- paint, solvents, sealants and thinners
- poisons and hazardous waste

BULKY ITEM PICKUPS

Place bulky / large items at curb by 6:00 a.m. on your last regular trash pickup of the month.

Reminder, bulky trash includes items such as household furniture, mattresses and other items too large to fit in trashcans and bags. Bulky trash items are to be of a size & weight that two people can handle and no larger than six feet (6') long. Smaller bulky trash items should be contained in a box or other such container. There is a limit of two (2) items per collection. Bulky trash EXCLUDES major appliances, automobile parts, tires, batteries and contractor generated debris.

