

Clearview Drive Sunset
Union, MO by Wanda Parsons

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talk of the town



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WE ARE MOVING

from the mayor

Hello citizens of Union,

I hope you are all safe and healthy and are enjoying the summer. The new City Hall is complete, we are just putting the finishing touches on and waiting for the furniture to arrive. I anticipate the staff will be moved in and the building open on July 27, 2020. Most importantly the project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Wright Construction, Navigate, Horn Architects, and the City staff did an excellent job with the project and it will be an asset to our community for generations to come.

The federal grant for the Union Expressway has been approved by East-West Gateway. The City has teamed up with the Franklin County Commission and the Special Road District to secure the funding for the project. The project will relieve congestion at Hwy 50 and Hwy 47 which is long overdue. With the funding secured, we will now begin working on project design and coordination with MODOT. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2023.

As we continue to adapt to the impact of COVID19, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support and cooperation as we navigate unprecedented times. We are looking forward to resuming our normal levels of service, not only to our residents, but the regional community. But until that is possible, I want you to know the safety of our residents and service to our community remain our top priorities.

Respectfully,



“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

— Vince Lombardi



Photo by Wanda Parsons

July 22-24—City Hall Offices Closed for Move

July 27 — Opening New City Hall, 10 E. Locust Street
Parks & Recreation Department will remain at City Hall Auditorium, 500 E. Locust Street.

CITY OF UNION Calendar

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July 1	Splash N Swimplex Opens
July 3	Fireworks Display 9:30pm (Veterans Memorial Park)
July 3	Independence Day (City Hall Closed)
July 13	Board of Aldermen Meeting
July 17	Lawn Chair Movie Night— <i>The Secret Life of Pets 2</i>
July 22-24	Moving Days—City Hall Closed
July 27	New City Hall Opens — 10 East Locust
Aug 7	Concert in the Park — Melissa Potter Band (swing/jazz)
Aug 10	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Aug 21	Lawn Chair Movie Night — <i>The Lion King</i>
Aug 16	Closing Day—Splash-n-Swimplex
Aug 17	Doggie Day at Splash-n-Swimplex
Sep 4	Concert in the Park — Crossfire
Sep 7	Labor Day (City Hall Closed)
Sep 14	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sep 18	Lawn Chair Movie Night — <i>Aladdin</i>
Oct 2-3	4th Annual Wingfest (Downtown)
Oct 12	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Oct 23	Halloween Bash (City Park)
Nov 11	Veterans Day Observed (City Hall Closed)
Nov 19	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Friday (City Hall Closed)
Dec 11	Winter Wonderland Parade and Children's Christmas Party (City Auditorium)
Dec 14	Board of Aldermen Meeting
Dec 24-25	Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (City Hall Closed)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION *Swimplex 2020 Season*



- Opening Day July 1, 2020
- Open to those that reside within Union city limits.
- Must have pool verification card to enter - you can receive the card at Union City Hall in the lower level.
- To get pool verification card, must present ID and utility bill. Addresses must match in order to get a card.
- Pool verification card is different than a pool punch card.
- No furniture provided on pool deck. Patrons may bring chairs, bottled water and snacks.
- No glass bottles or alcohol.
- Lost verification cards can be replaced at City Hall for \$5.00. Must be able to provide ID and utility bill.
- No private parties held this season.



with

Chad
POHLMANN



The City of Union is pleased to have Chad Pohlmann join the team as the new **Parks & Recreation Director**. Chad is no stranger to city staff; he's been involved with the City for years, first as a seasonal maintenance worker in the Parks Department and more recently as a member of the Parks Advisory Committee.

He received his undergraduate degree in History and Masters Degree in School Administration from Lindenwood University. He most recently worked at Rockwood School District's alternative high school. Chad is also a veteran, having served 5 years in the Marine Corps and 11 years in the National Guard.

Chad lives in Union with 3 daughters, ages, 7, 5 and 4, two dogs, two cats and a rabbit named Bunny Bunny Prince Charming.

1. Favorite Movie: *Saving Private Ryan*
2. Favorite TV Show: *Peaky Blinders*
3. Last show you binge watched: *Fear the Walking Dead*
4. Favorite Book: *Gates of Fire*
5. Favorite Food: *Hibachi*
6. Favorite Quote: "Every day is lost in which we do not learn something useful. Man has no nobler or more valuable possession than time." - Thomas Jefferson
7. Hobbies: *Home improvement projects and time with my family*

While COVID-19 created additional challenges to Chad's first few months on the job, he is working to provide a high-quality and safe environment for families to enjoy our parks and recreational activities. You can contact Chad at:

636-583-8471 • unionmissouri.org/uprd • parkdir@unionmissouri.org

Union City Auditorium • 500 E. Locust Street

Jonathan ZIMMERMANN

City Administrator

On June 15th, the City's Board of Aldermen appointed Jonathan Zimmermann as City Administrator replacing Russell Rost. With 20 years of experience as City Engineer and a wealth of knowledge about Union, it should be a smooth transition.

Jonathan grew up on a farm in Jeffriesburg. He is a 1986 Union High School graduate, an East Central College Alumni and he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri Rolla.

Jonathan lives in Union with wife, Thuy linh (pronounced tree lin) and daughters Sidney and Katy. It's apparent his family is #1 in his life ... when asked his favorite quote, he replied "happy wife, happy life" and what one thing could he not live without? He quickly responded "my family".



Favorite Movie: *"Gross Pointe Blank"*

Favorite Show: **self-proclaimed "YouTube" junkie**

Last Show Binge Watched: *"Frontier"*

Favorite Actor: **John Cusack**

Favorite Music/Band: **Led Zeppelin**

Favorite Food: **Ribs**

Hobbies: **Farming, Hunting, Gardening**

Favorite Vacation Spot: **Any national forest**

What is your philosophy on leadership? **Lead by example**



June 2, 2020, more than 100 people gathered on the square to participate in a peaceful protest for equality and a quest for justice. The protest was prompted by the death of George Floyd (Minneapolis, MN) while being taken into police custody.



Union's Fireworks

will take place on July 3rd at Veterans Memorial Park (600 Progress Parkway).

The display will ignite at approximately 9:30pm.

Bring your own refreshments (no glass), lawn chairs, blankets and yard games to make an evening of it at the park!



Childrens Factory uses play-products manufacturing expertise to mass produce COVID-19 face coverings.

When schools and daycares around the world began shutting their doors due to COVID-19, the roaring sewing machines that once tailored brightly colored play climbers, soft jumbo blocks and bean bags, quickly began sharing production time sewing personal protective equipment.

Children's Factory is committed to providing personal protective equipment options for as long as society is in need. Face coverings are currently being shipped throughout the United States and Canada with additional destinations on the horizon. For information visit childrensfactory.com.

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Union City Hall

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New Address effective 7/27/2020

— 10 E. Locust Street

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CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Judge..... A. David Arand
City Collector Eric Schmuke

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

City Administrator Jonathan Zimmermann
Assistant City Administrator..... James Schmieder
City Clerk Jonita Copeland
Chief of Police..... Andrew Parker
City Engineer J. Zimmermann (interim)
Finance Director Heather Keith
Parks and Recreation Director Chad Pohlmann
Public Works Director Open

ONLINE

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2020 has certainly been a little topsy turvy and we just wanted to acknowledge the sacrifices you may have made, and say thanks for persevering. Whether it's a flood or a pandemic, Union residents step up ... they do the right thing.

Thanks to all the heroes out there ... health care workers, first responders, and grocery store workers. Thanks to school volunteers who organized free lunches for students, to Bailey Insurance Agency for coordinating

with local restaurants for Meals for Mercy, to our local banks who helped business owners apply for grants, and so many more who stepped up to serve.

Many businesses had to close or drastically reduce capacity this year and are slowly re-opening. Please remember to support your local small businesses, now and in the future. Each and everyone are essential.

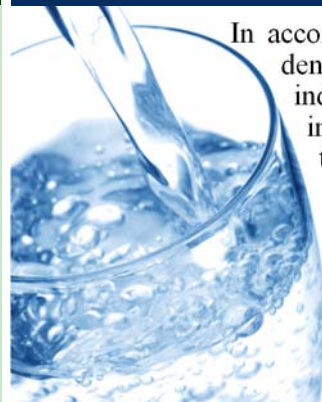
We're all in this together.

Stay strong. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

YARDWASTE PICKUPS

- July 8, 22
- August 12, 26
- September 10, 23
- October 7, 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 11, 18, 25
- December 9, 23

2019 Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report



In accordance with federal law, the 2019 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/2019CCR.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.