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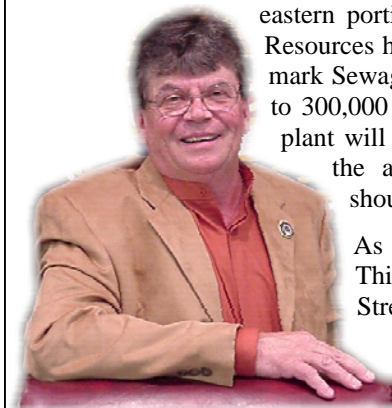
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from the mayor

The past year has certainly been a busy one at City Hall. Several capital projects were started or completed. The planning of the impending Highway 50 construction continues, the City is in the midst of engineering and planning of the expansion of the Denmark Sewage Treatment Facility and the City will begin construction on Church Street in the next few months. To say the least, this is just a short list of projects at City Hall.

You may not have realized it, but work on widening of Highway 50 from Highway 47 South east to 500 feet past Progress Parkway has already begun. The Public Works Department has been relocating water and sewer lines to clear the path for the widening of Highway 50. Bidding of the construction will be in late spring 2009, with construction to begin in summer 2009. Construction will last approximately 1 year.

With all the residential and commercial development that has happened in the eastern portion of Union, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has mandated that the City of Union expand its Denmark Sewage Treatment Facility. Currently, the plant treats up to 300,000 gallons of sewage a day. With the expansion, the plant will be capable of treating over 750,000 gallons. With the addition of new treatment technology, this plant should sustain continued expected growth in the area.



As spring begins, the Church Street project will begin. This project will include asphalt overlay of Church Street from Independence Drive south to Highway 50.

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Visit DTV.gov THE DIGITAL TV TRANSITION Feb 17, 2009 - ARE YOU READY?

February 17, 2009 has been set as the deadline for the digital transition by the U.S. Congress. After that date, most TV broadcasting will be digital. To help answer the many questions the transition to digital television (DTV) raises, Rebekah Bina with the Federal Communications Commission will conduct a DTV Awareness Seminar on January 14th, 2009. It will be held at Scenic Regional Library, 308 Hawthorne in Union starting at 1:00pm.

Rebekah Bina, with the FCC stated that approximately 6,400 homes in Franklin County will be affected by the transition, with the elderly and the homebound making up the majority.

So exactly what is the Digital TV (DTV) Transition? Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. After February 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). TV Broadcasters will perform several tests on January 14th, 23rd and 25th. If your TV is not ready for the transition, you will be given a number to call for the switch.

- ➔ **What Should I Do to Be Ready?**
You have three choices:
- 1 Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box.** Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help you pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing). For more information on the coupons, visit www.DTV2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY). **Or**
 - 2 Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner).** You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. **Or**
 - 3 Subscribe to a paid TV service.** If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that TV.
- For more information about the digital transition check out www.dtv.gov, call 1-888-CALL-FCC or come and learn on January 14th at the free DTV Awareness Seminar at Scenic Regional Library. Don't let your television go dark after February 17, 2009.



Mayor and Aldermen

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In Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008, the City of Union budgeted \$40,000.00 for sidewalk replacement. Currently, the sidewalks on east and west South Oak are being replaced due to their unsafe condition. Construction is scheduled to be complete in spring 2009. All work is being performed by City of Union Public Works Department personnel.

The City of Union's insurance provider, Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA), may provide the City with lower rates when their participating communities have implemented a sidewalk replacement program. To possibly secure a better insurance rate, the City has started a sidewalk

assessment program. Harold Lampkin, Director of Public Works, and his staff have evaluated all sidewalks/curb/guttering in Wards 1 and 2 and hope to have the remaining wards evaluated in spring 2009. The City of Union will then use the results of the sidewalk assessment to schedule replacement.

In addition, when individual property owners would like to replace their sidewalks/curb/guttering in front of their home or business, the City of Union Public Works will remove existing sidewalk/curb/gutter and dispose at no cost to the property owner. Property owners are responsible for hiring a private contractor to replace sidewalk/curb/gutter at their cost and to City specifications.



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 Sidewalks will be installed where appropriate and replaced where needed. Also included in the project is the replacement of the Church Street Bridge over Flat Creek. The bridge is nearly 100 years old and well past time for replacement. To replace the bridge, that portion of Church Street will be closed for around 60 days. As those dates become clearer, our citizens will be notified.

I want to take this time to thank the City staff who work so diligently to keep our city functioning on a day-to-day basis. The City is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of employees.

Finally, the City of Union Board of Aldermen, City staff and I wish you and yours a very happy and healthy 2009.

Mayor Mike Livengood

Fitness Extravaganza

The Union Parks Department is offering a variety of fitness classes. Classes are held in the lower level of City Hall and are \$40 per person unless otherwise noted. Please pre-register at the Parks Department Office at City Hall or call (636) 583-8471 for more information.

Cardio Blast
 January 26 thru March 5, 2009
 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings
 6:30pm—7:00pm
 East Central Continuing Education Building
Free class offered on January 21, 2009

YoPi
 January 27 thru March 3, 2009
 Tuesday evenings
 6:30-7:15pm
Free class offered on January 20, 2009

Pilates
 January 26 thru March 2, 2009
 Monday evenings
 5:30-6:30pm
Free class offered on January 19, 2009

Yoga
 January 28 thru March 4, 2009
 Wednesday evenings
 6:30-7:45pm

This class is for participants that have attended at least 2 previous yoga classes.

Yoga 101 Prerequisite to Yoga
 January 14 thru January 21, 2009
 6:30-7:15pm
 Preparation to enter a Yoga class.
 The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Breakfast with Easter Bunny
 April 10, 2009
 9:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m.
 Breakfast and photos with the Easter Bunny. Please bring your own camera. Egg hunt for children as well as adults. Ages 2 to 7 yrs. \$2.00 per person. Please get your tickets at the Parks Dept. (636) 583-8471



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Jesse Stricker, Owner and President of INTEK, says business is good, "We've been steadily growing for 12 years... Last year was our best year ever." He is quick to attribute the success to loyal and qualified employees. When Jesse Stricker relocated INTEK from Fenton to Union in 2002, there were 3 employees. Today, that number has quadrupled.

Jesse noted continual improvements in their operation such as a recent investment in upgraded equipment. Future plans include re-organizing the factory and setting up a display area for their products in 2009.



INTEK

of Employees
12

Size of Facility
23,000 SF

Located to Union
2002

Website
www.intekcorp.com

Get To Know ... **Bob Gooch** Lead Mechanic



How Long Employed by City of Union? 16 1/2 years

What Positions Have You Held? Always a mechanic

Birthplace: St. Louis, MO

Favorite Movie: "The Last Boy Scout" starring Bruce Willis

Favorite TV Show: "First 48", a crime solving reality show

Favorite Musical Artist: Ozzy Osbourne

Favorite Food: Pizza, Pepperoni/Sausage

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Hobbies: ATV riding, river rafting

Number of Children: 4 (Jammie, Mike, Jenny and Corey)

Favorite Place to Vacation: Tennessee...The Smokey Mountains

Ever play a musical instrument? No

What are some of your most memorable changes in Union? When the Swimplex was built, the Public Works Department helped with plumbing and construction.

Union City Cemetery

The City Cemetery Regulations have been listed to remind everyone when placing items at the cemetery they are in compliance with the rules. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions please call:
City Clerk
636-583-3600

1. Cement or stone curbing, fences, rails or anything that would interfere with mowing will not be permitted.
2. All grave stones or grave markers shall be placed within the boundaries of the grave space(s) and shall extend no closer than six (6) inches to the side line of the respective space(s).
3. No monument shall be allowed on adjacent spaces or into the alleys or passage lines.
4. No trees, shrubbery or other growth except grass is to be planted on any grave(s) or lot(s). The City shall have the authority to remove any and all such obstructions as may appear.
5. It is the intent of the City government that the cemetery will be kept mowed and clean, and anything that interferes will not be permitted.
6. Memorial and/or floral pieces must be placed next to the grave markers so as not to interfere with maintenance of the cemetery. All items will be removed by maintenance crews as they deem necessary for proper cemetery appearance.
7. Shepherd staffs, flowers and other grave ornaments should be placed so as not to interfere with routine maintenance of the cemetery and shall be the responsibility of the grave owner and family.
8. Concrete vaults shall be required for all interments.
9. Mixed, set concrete foundations shall be required as a base for all headstones and shall be a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches deep.
10. Care and placement of headstones shall be the responsibility of the grave owner.