

talk of the town

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Community Development DirectorJoseph A. Graves
Parks and Recreation DirectorVacant
Public Works DirectorHarold Lampkin

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www.unionmissouri.org

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1 Slow down. One of the best ways to save gas is to simply reduce your speed. As speed increases, fuel economy decreases exponentially.

2 Check your tire pressure. Under-inflated tires are one of the most commonly ignored causes of crummy MPG. Tires lose air due to time (about 1 psi per month) and temperature (1 psi for every 10 degree drop); under-inflated tires have more rolling resistance, which means you need to burn more gas to keep your car moving. Buy a reliable tire gauge and check your tires at least once a month.

3 Check your air filter. A dirty air filter restricts the flow of air into the engine, which harms performance and economy.

Air filters are easy to check and change; remove the filter and hold it up to the sun. If you can't see light coming through it, you need a new one.

4 Accelerate with care. Jack-rabbit starts are an obvious fuel-waster -- but that doesn't mean you should crawl away from every light. If you drive an automatic, accelerate moderately so the transmission can shift up into the higher gears. Stick-shifters should shift early to keep the revs down, but don't lug the engine -- downshift if you need to accelerate.

5 Hang with the trucks. A constant speed keeps shifting to a minimum -- important to those who have to wrangle with those ten-speed truck transmissions - - but it also aids economy, as it takes much more fuel to *get* a vehicle moving than it does to *keep* it moving. Rolling with the big rigs saves fuel (and aggravation).

6 Get back to nature. Consider shutting off the air conditioner, opening the windows and enjoying the breeze. It may be a tad warmer, but at lower speeds you'll save fuel. That said, at higher speeds the A/C may be more efficient than the wind resistance from open windows and sunroof.

7 Back off the bling. New wheels and tires may look cool, and they can certainly improve handling. But if they are wider than the stock tires, chances are they'll create more rolling resistance and decrease fuel economy. If you upgrade your wheels and tires, keep the old ones. For long road trips, the stock wheels give a smoother ride and better economy.

8 Clean out your car. Periodically go through your car and see what can be tossed out or brought into the house. It doesn't take much to acquire an extra 40 or 50 lbs. of stuff, and the more weight your car has to lug around, the more fuel it burns.

9 Downsize. If you're shopping for a new car, it's time to re-evaluate how much car you really need. Smaller cars are inherently more fuel-efficient, and today's small cars are roomier than ever.

10 Don't drive. Take the train, carpool, and consolidate your shopping trips. Walking or biking is good for your wallet *and* your health. And before you get in your car, always ask yourself: "Is this trip really necessary?"

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from the mayor



Like the previous few years, so far in 2008, we have continued to see our fair city grow in many different ways; our population continues to grow at a very fast pace, downtown revitalization is occurring with more to come, new industries continue to call Union home and several existing industries are expanding. What an exciting time to be Mayor and a citizen of Union.

Since our last "Talk of the Town" edition in January 2008, the City of Union has experienced an influx of downtown development. Franklin County Government

recently opened the Franklin County Judicial Center, a beautiful addition to our downtown and Franklin County. Rik's Steakhouse has opened adding another quality restaurant to our community along with a stunning office complex. Speaking of restaurants, Benito's has re-opened under new ownership. I also need to recognize Ed Schmelz for renovating the building on the corner of Main and Oak. All of this development and redevelopment has renewed an interest in our downtown area and it is my hope there is more to come.

In the coming months you will notice the City of Union aggressively overlaying numerous city streets, replacing the Park Street bridge, beginning the Church Street project and continuing the utility relocation for the Highway 50 widening project that will start construction in 2009.

Before I sign out, I would like to take this opportunity to give some words of encouragement to the City of Pacific, our Franklin County neighbors. City of Pacific elected officials, staff and most importantly, its citizens, have proved to be courageous and unwavering in their efforts to save the City from the 2008 flooding. I believe I speak for the citizens of Union and Franklin County in stating that we support you and keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you continue your efforts to rebuild your community.

As always, I am available and the City staff is available if you have any questions and I encourage you to attend Board of Aldermen meetings, second *Mayor Mike Livengood* Monday of each month.

Lend a Helping Hand



Are you a handyman or woman who wants to contribute to your community? If you are, we have a project for you...

The City of Union Parks Department is calling out to the community to assist in the construction of playground equipment in Hoffert Park on September 13th. The construction will begin promptly at 8:00 am and will not end until the project is complete. After the "construction crew" works up an appetite, the Parks Department will provide lunch.

All volunteers MUST be 18 or older to participate. So, please round up your community groups, friends, neighbors or family and call the Union Parks and Recreation Department to sign up.

(636) 583 - 8471

FAMILY SWIM LUAU & DIVE-IN MOVIE at UNION SWIMPLEX

Friday, August 8 from 8:00pm to 10:30pm

\$6.00 per person which includes swimming, games, food, refreshments and showing of classic episodes of *Gilligan's Island*.

Four and under free with a paid adult.



Union Through Photos



Get To Know... Steve Loerch City Hall Maintenance Director



How Long Employed by City of Union? 18 years
What Positions Have You Held? Laborer in Street Department, and Parks Department, Maintenance Director at City Hall
Birthplace: St. Louis, MO
Favorite Movie: Any western, especially John Wayne movies
Favorite TV Show: WWE Wrestling
Favorite Musical Artist: George Strait
Favorite Food: B.B.Q.
Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Hobbies: Fishing, bowling and feeding the deer and turkey in my backyard
Number of Children: 2 (Matthew and David)
Favorite Place to Vacation: Panama City, Florida
Ever play a musical instrument? No
What are some of your favorite things about Union? Friendly people and the small town atmosphere

Hwy 30 Car Club & Union Parks Department
CAR SHOW and a MOVIE
 Showing American Graffiti
Friday, July 18, 8:30pm or dusk
 Jaycee Pavilion, Union Fairgrounds
 Bring lawn chairs or blankets



CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

LAWN CHAIR MOVIE NIGHT
August 22—Enchanted
 Showing at 8:30pm or dusk
 Jaycee Pavilion, Union Fairgrounds
 FREE ADMISSION
 Concessions Available

CONCERT IN THE PARK
 Union City Park—Large Pavilion
Friday, August 1, 6:00—9:30pm
 Featuring the classic rock band,



"Rampage"
FREE ADMISSION
 Concessions Available



The City of Union is now providing a telephone based warning system for severe weather to Union residents. **CodeRED** Weather Warning will alert Union residents, who have signed up for this free service, within seconds of any National Weather Service warning for tornado, severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings. Due to the fact that the system is fully automated (based on information received from the weather service via satellite) residents will receive a recorded message alerting them prior to weather radio activation, sirens and media announcements in most situations (calls begin 5 seconds after the warning is issued). The City of Union is offering this service to its residents at no charge.

CodeRED Weather Warning utilizes state of the art satellite equipment to capture severe weather warnings within seconds after they are issued by local National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologists. **CodeRED** Weather Warning computers instantly interpret each bulletin to determine the severity of the warning* and the exact area(s) affected. If the NWS bulletin has identified a severe storm* the **CodeRED** Weather Warning system creates a calling database of all **CodeRED** Weather

Warning subscribers in the potential path of the storm. This calling database is submitted (within seconds) to the massive **CodeRED** automated calling system.

CodeRED utilizes a massive network of computerized dialers connected to thousands of telephone lines. **CodeRED** Weather Warning is capable of delivering over One Million weather warning calls per day! The dialing speed of **CodeRED** Weather Warning makes it possible to call our subscribers within seconds after a warning is issued for their area. **CodeRED** Weather Warnings are delivered so quickly they often arrive before any other warnings are made public... usually before weather radio broadcasts!

* **Severe warnings acted on by CodeRED Weather Warning include tornado, severe thunderstorm, and flash flood warnings.**



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 For more information, please contact us via the website or by phone at 636-583-3600.

Made in Get Organized ...Esselte Pendeflex offers solutions



Whether at home or at work, odds are you have attempted to organize the tons of paper that fly across your desk and most likely you have used a product manufactured in Union, MO. Esselte Pendaflex is one of the world's premier manufacturers of organizational solutions, concentrating on hanging files, file folders, index cards, report covers, sheet protectors, indexes/dividers and portfolios. With a 40% market share, Esselte is a market leader in these categories.

When asked why Esselte chose Union, Paul Krampe, Human Resources Manager at the Union facility replied, "A key benefit of locating in Union was the central location. Additionally, the availability of a quality labor force, the advantages of city convenience with the close proximity of St. Louis and the rural setting made Union a great choice."

Esselte's future appears bright ... the need for paper organization remains essential in the home and office. "Esselte is focusing on launching new products. We (Esselte) continue to upgrade and create more variety in our products." remarked Krampe.



For more information about Esselte and their products, visit www.esselte.com.

Esselte located to Union, Missouri in 1979 with about 50 employees. Today, Esselte employs approximately 475 people at two locations in Union's North Loop Industrial Park, making Esselte Union's largest employer. The main office and manufacturing facility is located at 850 West Park Road. In 1991, they constructed a highly automated distribution center and completed an addition in 2001. Today, Esselte occupies approximately 725,000 square feet in Union.

Disorganization costs time and money. Some experts estimate that the average person spends 150 hours a year looking for misplaced information.

Source: www.esselte.com

ADDRESSING AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Proper addressing is important, quite simply, for the safety of the citizens of Union and all of Franklin County.

Addressing in Franklin County is supervised by the IT Department of Franklin County and the IT Director, Larry Sikes, and his staff. The purpose of proper addressing is to allow emergency services (ambulance, fire, and police) to locate homes/property efficiently and quickly. Addresses are supplied to Franklin County dispatch and phone

companies. Currently, only land lines give emergency services correct address data, but it is the goal of the IT Department to become Phase II compliant in the near future providing improved addressing for emergency calls coming from cell phones.

Occasionally, re-addressing must take place, which is an inconvenience to property owners, but a necessity when subdivisions add streets and lots, or when street names are platted with a duplicate name as one already

in Franklin County. Larry and his staff strive for consistency and try to keep re-addressing to a minimum. "Nobody likes to be re-addressed, but when it comes to the safety of the public it sometimes must happen," stated Larry Sikes.

**ANSWER:
PUBLIC SAFETY**