

Village of Union

Union, Nebraska

UNION DAZE 2009

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The Second Annual Union Daze will be held from Friday, July 31st through Sunday August 2nd at the Union Ball Field. There will be a Food & Beer Garden. For more information call Amy (297-6522) or Tanya (209-3619) or sign up for tournaments at the Brown Bottle (209-3619)

Saturday, Aug. 1st:

- Car Show
- Kickball
- Beer Frisbee
- Children's Games
- LIVE!! Johnny on the Spot

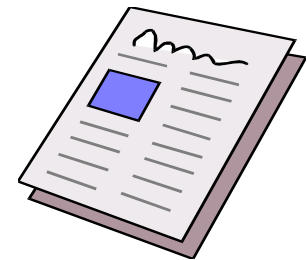
Sunday, Aug. 2nd:

- Volleyball
- Horseshoes
- Pie / Hotdog Eating Contest
- Pie Judging (Donate your pies to be judged by 10:00 a.m. Sunday)

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Village has decided to start sending out a monthly newsletter which will be sent out to residents on approximately the 25th of every month. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep residents informed about the various matters involving the town, including local events and matters before the Village board.

As a part of this service, the Village wants to give residents the opportunity to let everyone in town know about various activities throughout the Village, including soup suppers, organizational activities, business events, garage sales, etc. If you have an event or activity that you would like placed in the newsletter,



please e-mail union_newsletter@yahoo.com or call Dave at 402-263-2149. The newsletter will also be placed on the Union Web site at <http://www.unionnebraska.com>.

Main Street Building News

It was estimated that it would cost the Village at least \$10,000 to remove the rubble and tear down the walls at the collapsed Village building on Main Street. In lieu of

expending money that the Village did not have, local residents **Elmer Henderson, Tom Pike, John Vanderveen, Terry McClane, Tony Tellez**



and Joy Dodd dba J-D Construction volunteered their time and equipment this last week and cleaned up the bricks and other rubble. A big thank you to our local volunteers! The Village greatly appreciate your support in not only saving the Village a great deal of money, but also for getting rid of real eyesore.

Kids had a blast at vacation Bible School!



Kids gathered at 9:00 a.m. every day last week at the First Baptist Church in Union anxiously waiting to start their Vacation Bible School lessons and activities. A good time was had by all and the week was topped off by a hayrack ride and picnic. Friends and family were able to share in what the children had learned at the final program.



Cass County Fair

The Cass County Fair will be held August 5th through August 8th in Weeping

Water. There'll be livestock, 4-H exhibits, crafts, produce, bingo, games, entertainment, rides, cotton candy, food, food, and more food. Not to mention the opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors in this great community event.

For more information visit
www.cassfair.com !

Water and Sewer Rate Increases

In the July 8, 2009 Village Board meeting, the board discussed increasing the Village's water and sewer rates. Currently, the monthly rate for water is \$15.00 for the first 3,999 gallons of water and then \$2.00 per thousand gallon thereafter. The sewer rate is a flat \$17.00 per month. The Village is losing money every month on both its water and sewer services. One problem with the water services is that the water meters are self-reporting for resi-

dents. Many meters do not work and very few residents have been self-reporting. It is also estimated that it would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 to have new meters installed in all of the 114 units in Union. Moreover, it is believed that rates for both sewer and water have not been increased since 1995. The board is planning on meeting with its accountant at the August 12th board meeting to determine what rates are needed for the Village to be at

breakeven. The board is expected to propose a sewer and water rate at the August 12th meeting and then vote on the water and sewer rate increase proposal at the September 9th board meeting.



Community Events / News

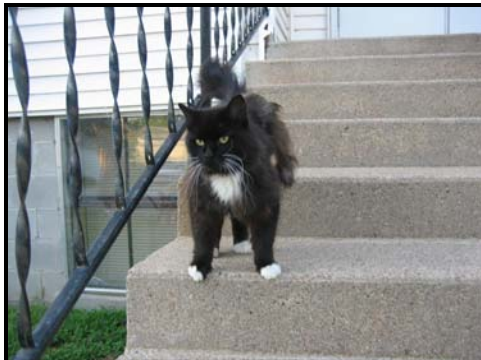
- ◆ Union Daze, July 31—August 2nd
- ◆ Village Board meeting at 7 p.m. on August 12th at the American Legion
- ◆ Union Rescue meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 13 at the Fire Station.
- ◆ Union Volunteer Fire Department meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 13 at the Fire Station.
- ◆ Groom-a-thon fundraiser, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on August 23 at 125 S. 2nd Street (see below)
- ◆ Union First Baptist Church services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Union Methodist Church services at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The church has a new pastor, Aydee Farias Rader.
- ◆ Union Farmer’s Market every Friday / Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on Main Street



Union in Bloom:

Groom-a-thon to help stray animals of Union!

Save money on grooming costs while helping to provide for medical attention (including spaying/neutering) for abandoned / homeless animals in Union! Professional groomers will be donating their time to wash, condition, blow dry with high power dryers, groom, and clip nails, etc. of local pets to help raise money for this good cause. We will also be providing free pet treats! Once donations are received, we will be taking our homeless animals to the Spay Neuter Clinic provided by Hearts United for Animals (www.hua.org).



Who: Dogs of all breeds, shapes and sizes

When: Sunday, Aug. 23rd 11:00-4:00

Where: 125 S. 2nd Street (south of post office)

Cost: Minimum donation of \$25 for groom, \$15 for wash, \$5 for nail trim

****All dogs must be on leashes and current on vaccines please!**



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Village Board Meeting Notes

The Village Board met on Wednesday July 8th at the American Legion Hall at 7:00 p.m. Several issues were discussed. An Omaha businessman is desiring to put a meat processing plant in or near Union. No finalized plans for the meat processing plant have been shown to the Board. Once the details of the meat processing plant have been given to the Board, the public will be notified and given an

opportunity to comment and express their concerns before any issues regarding the plant are voted on by the Board. Currently there are 15 water/sewer/trash accounts that are overdue in the Village, with a total approximate bill of \$4000. The Board directed the Village Manager to start shutting off the water of those individuals who continue to be in arrears. (Note—contact the Village Manager if

circumstances prevent you from paying your account to make appropriate arrangements before disconnection.)

Deb McWha, Village Clerk, also discussed with the Board the recent request by Cass County for a traveling recycling center to be placed in Union. The Board agreed to be in the Cass County “Going Green” project. Sometime in the future, a recycling trailer will be in Union for a few days a month where residents can recycle aluminum, plastic, and paper. More details regarding the recycling center will be given as they become known.

