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Village Board Meeting Notes



September Board Meeting: The Village Board met on Wednesday September 9, 2009. Several issues were discussed. The Village accountant, Steve Rishel, was present at the meeting and discussed next year's budget. The Board approved a budget for next year which included raising the mil levy to .37%. The Park Board Report was given by Tanya Brown. Mrs. Brown expressed a desire to earmark monies earned through Park Board fundraisers to specifically pay for park equipment and not to pay for other Park expenses, such as the costs of mowing the parks. An ordinance increasing the water rates to \$27.00 a month and the sewer rates to \$31.00 per month was ratified by the Board. The ordinance will become effective November 1, 2009. The Chairman of the Board appointed a committee consisting of Tom Pike, Elmer Henderson, Chris Keene, Cal Keene, and Barbara Gaughan to review the Mr. Tom Meyer's proposal for a retail meat processing plant in Union. Near the end of the meeting, the Board went into closed session where Deb McWha gave notice of her resignation as Village Clerk effective October 1, 2009. Steve McWha, the Village Manager, also stated that he would be resigning as soon as the Village could find a suitable replacement.

October Board Meeting: The Village Board met on October 14, 2009. At the meeting, Chairman Terry McClane swore in the new Village clerk Melissa Hansen. The Chairman commented that the Board had approximately 13 applications for the clerk position and selected Ms. Hansen from the 11 very qualified candidates in which the Board interviewed on October 12th. The Village received a letter from Tom Meyer's attorney, David Chebatoris, stating that Mr. Meyer is no longer interested in locating a retail meat processing plant in Union. The Village Manager, Steve McWha, stated that the water pump house is in poor condition and will need to be replaced sometime in the future. At the Board's request, Mr. McWha agreed to stay on as the Village Manger through the winter months to handle the sewer and water. The Board voted to make a Park Board Project Fund as a separate line item on the monthly budget, where any fundraising monies will be accounted for and separated from the general park board budget that includes the costs of mowing and maintaining the parks.



Halloween 2009

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It's the time of year for tricks, treats, costumes and sweets! Halloween safety first with these commonsense tips:

- Have adult supervision. Accompany kids enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- Map out your plan. Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating, and make sure they stick to it.
- Take the long way around. Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys or fields.
- Only visit trick-or-treat friendly homes. Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. Stay outside. Make sure your kids can get their candy from the porch.
- Safe costumes. Dress your kids in bright or reflective costumes. Ensure your trip over them.
- Don't cover the face. Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
- Say "no" to strangers. Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- Quality check treats. Only eat candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
- Obey the law. Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around, including looking both ways before crossing and obeying all traffic laws.
- Have a great time! Finally, make sure your kids have tons of fun and get lots and lots of candy. Also, be sure to check out local Halloween events, like the Union Halloween Party or Nehawka Haunted Fire House!

Union Halloween Party! Come to the Union Park Pavilion on Friday, October 30th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Hayrack rides (\$5/child), costume contest, food/candy and lots of games!
 Sponsored by the Union Park Committee

Union Needs YO

The Village Board has determined a need to form volunteer committees in order to facilitate community involvement in the Village of Union. The two committees that have been approved include a **Village Improvement Committee** and a **Village Grants Committee**. The two committees will work together to prioritize and set goals in order to reestablish a sense of pride and community within Union. However, both committees need community volunteers in order to succeed! Please contact a Village Board member for further questions, to provide input or to volunteer.

The **Village Improvement Committee** will allow community members work together in determining then to accomplish the goals that have been set. Please contact Terry McClain at 263-4625 for more information and to volunteer for the Village Improvement Committee.

The **Village Grants Committee** will work towards finding sources to fund the needed improvements of the Village. Please contact Dave Chipman at 263-2149 to volunteer for the committee.

We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously.

Grace Lee Boggs, Author & Social Activist

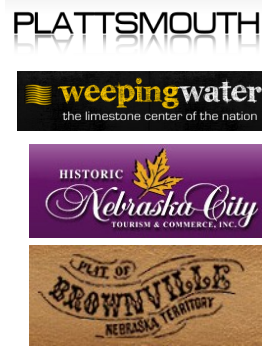


The Village of Union Needs a New Logo!



A new logo and visuals are the first steps to creating an identifiable image for the Village of Union. However, a new logo represents much more than that. For example, prospective employers and site selectors want to know the personality of the community. A well thought out brand strategy shines a light on the village. Additionally, a well-crafted community pride effort can often spark a renewed can-do spirit, bringing residents together in an effort to only survive but thrive!

Union residents of all ages are invited to submit new Village of Union logos! Depending upon the response, the designs will be evaluated by the public with the final decision and new logo implementation being made by a vote of the Village Board. The submitted logos will be evaluated based on simplicity, symbolism, symmetry, and recognition factors. Take a look at some examples of designs for the Village of Union newsletter. Please send logo designs to union_newsletter@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 61, Union, NE 68455. By submitting a logo design, you are certifying that you are the sole artists and all designs will become the sole property of the Village. Nearby examples include:



Union Welcomes New Village Clerk!

Village resident Melissa Hansen was sworn in as the new Village clerk at the October 14, 2009 board meeting by Chairman Terry McClane. Mrs. Hansen was selected from many qualified applicants for the clerk position. She brings a wealth of experience, great ideas and motivation which will be a great asset to the Village, and in fact has already been hard at work putting in a considerable amount of time in at the Village Office.



Union Daze T-Shirts Available For Sale!

Help support the Union Park Board by purchasing a high-quality, low-cost Union Daze T-Shirt! There are XL shirts for only \$6 or 2 for \$10.

Contact Amy Seyler @ (402) 209-6522 for more information or to order your shirt!



Promote Your Union Area Businesses



We would like to compile a business directory of the businesses in Union, big or small. If you are interested in having information about your business in the Union newsletter or on the soon to be updated website, please email union_newsletter@yahoo.com or call Dave at 263-2149.

Area Community Events:

- ◆ **Union United Methodist Church Rummage Sale**, Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Parsonage (2nd & B St. in Union).
- ◆ Holiday Art Show & Old West Cook Off, October 23, 24 & 25 at Mahoney State Park
- ◆ *Lie, Cheat, and Genie* at the Toft Theatre on October 24, 25, Thurs-Sat 7:30 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Union Halloween Party**, Friday, October 30th @ 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Union Park Pavilion, Hayrack Ride Tickets: \$5/child for the hayrack ride & parents are welcome. Sponsored by the Union Park Board Committee.
- ◆ Nehawka Haunted House October 31, 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. at the Nehawka Fire House
- ◆ Haunted Victorian Ghost Walk in Plattsmouth, October 31, 7:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.. Tickets: \$20 and must be purchased in advance at the Gift Nook in Plattsmouth
- ◆ **6th Annual K-Y-F-Y McI-U-F-Y D-U-B-H-Y X-U-C-K-Y-Y-B-D-U-F-H-M-C-W** and children in costume receive a goody bag. Admission: \$4.00/person, 2 & under free.
- ◆ **Harvest Soup Supper** at the Union United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 1st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Free Will Offering
- ◆ **Belles-A-D** Y-Y-J-B-D-K-C-A-Y-B-D-G-U-F-V-Y-F-G\C-D-7\5-C-F-H-I-F-G-V-D-Zh-Y-B-Yh-V-f-U-g-urday, November 14rd, 2:00 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Village Board meeting** at 7 p.m. on November 11th at the American Legion
- ◆ **Union Volunteer Fire and Rescue meeting** at 7:00 p.m. on November 12th at the Fire Station
- ◆ **Veteran's Day Soup Supper**, Sunday, November 15, 2009. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary from 11 a.m. to

Save the Parsonage Fundrais

The Union United Methodist Church is holding a Rummage Sale & Harvest Soup Supper to raise funds to restore the Church Parsonage in order to utilize for community services!

RUMMAGE 	Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24 8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.		Sunday, November 1st 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Furniture, Christmas decorations, books, kitchen items, baby clothes and much, much more!!	Union United Methodist Church Parsonage, 2nd & "B" Street Union, NE	Serving chili, chicken noodle soup, dessert, beverages and more!	Union United Methodist Church, 128 "B" Street Union, NE Free will offering

Support the rummage sale & soup supper fundraisers to help the Union UMC support Union!

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Thanks to last month's Groom-a-thon fundraiser and low-cost medical care provided by Hearts United For Animals, at least five cats from Union will be sterilized, tested, treated, vaccinated and marked with an ear notch every month. Local volunteers will begin humanely trapping cats to receive services the last week in October. If you are interested in helping trap the cats, donating money to spay/neuter more cats, or adopting a cat after it receives medical attention, please email union_newsletter@yahoo.com or call Mindy @ 263-2149.

+ X 7 years
equals 420,000 cats