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Hello Union Residents...

This is my fourth update as to what is going on in Union amid these turbulent times.

Covid 19 And Our New Lifestyles.

It is important to stay on top of the latest numbers so let me quickly review.

- In Northern Kentucky, the numbers are beginning to flatten out, and that is good news. You can check the daily numbers by visiting the NKY Health website at nkyhealth.org. This website is a go-to-source of accurate information regarding all aspects of COVID-19 and is updated daily.

While these numbers are encouraging, we must still continue to stay healthy at home, and follow the guidance coming from our state and local officials in the coming days. It looks like that some health care services will begin to slowly reopen starting on Monday, and you will again be able to see a physician for some procedures and other situations. This is a phased reopening, so not all services will be available, and I encourage you to call your physician's office to see what may be provided. I was on a recent conference call with officials from St. Elizabeth's, who say that is one of the safest places to be right now. They have been very aggressive in their policies, requiring a 100% mask rate from all medical staff and associates. This has allowed them to have a nearly zero infection rate among their staff members in the last three weeks. They emphasized, if you need healthcare, especially for emergency situations which are not COVID-19, they are ready to assist and are doing everything they can to keep you safe and healthy.

It still remains important to wear a mask while in public, and to follow the guidelines coming from Governor Beshear's office as we move toward a new normal and the reopening of the economy. I want everyone to understand that things will be different when we start to go out again, and we must all work together to continue to smash the curve on Coronavirus as we have done so far in Kentucky.

Mt. Zion Road and Other City Work News.

Mt. Zion Road.

Work is continuing at a rapid pace on Mt. Zion, and we are seeing a lot of progress all along the corridor. It is important to be safety aware in the work zones, and if you are out and, on the road way, to be sure to follow all of the speed limit and traffic signs.

Other City Work News.

The work has been completed on improving and stabilizing two bridges in Union...the Clarkston Street and Gunpowder Greens bridges. Both of these bridges are older, and had begun to suffer "scour" and decay on the support piers from years of water and debris running around them. Significant work has been done to repair and stabilize these piers and they are now ready to serve the city for another 75 years. Once final inspections are done, both bridges should be returned to full service and again be ready to safely carry our citizens.

Lastly.

- Many in our community are in need right now, due to the pandemic. I want to assure you that there are a number of organizations working to address these needs and provide assistance. Our faith communities have all stepped up and are ready to serve, regardless of your affiliation and beliefs, and are here for anyone in their time of crisis. Additionally, other organizations like the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Kentucky Area Developmental District and Goodwill of Greater Cincinnati have programs to help citizens who need food, rent or bill assistance, mental health assistance, and help with business issues like loans or grants. If you need a helping hand at this time, I encourage you to contact one of these organizations. Our social media posts several of these programs throughout the week, so check our city Facebook or Twitter to see what is available to help you and your situation.
- Unemployment systems continue to be backlogged with a record number of requests for benefits. Our state officials are working tirelessly to fix these issues and provide services to everyone who needs them. There are now more people unemployed than during the 1929 crash and the 2008 recession, with more than 10 percent of the American workforce currently out of a job. We ask that everyone continue to be patient and understand that they are working hard to provide services to you as quickly as possible.

Again...we are all in this together. Let us continue to keep ourselves, our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our fellow Union residents safe and healthy. We will get through this together as a community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Larry

