



August 2025 PULSE OF UNION NEWSLETTER



What's New With Union Town Square?

As many of you know, our city has experienced and continues to experience tremendous growth. With that growth comes both opportunity and responsibility. The original vision for this space was a mixed-use development, but as we listened, learned, and evolved, our focus shifted. Union Town Square will now center on what matters most to our community: green space, park amenities, a flexible event lawn, and a larger, more welcoming city building.

It all began in June 2022, when the City of Union purchased this 22-acre property at the corner of US 42 and Brilliance Avenue, now known as 2085

Union Photography Contest August 1- October 31



Events

Union's 2025 photo contest is open August 1 till October 31, 2025.

Get your cameras ready and showcase the beauty of Union, Kentucky & let your creativity shine!

We are proud of our beautiful and welcoming city. We are pleased to invite local residents to help capture the small-town charm of our growing community. Submit your favorite photos of Union.

Three prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Share your best shots!

Don't miss the chance to win and have your photo featured all across Union. Let's

Brilliance Avenue. This was a bold investment in our city's future. After the purchase, we engaged MKSK, a planning, urban design, and landscape architecture practice, to help reimagine what this land could become. They began by updating the Town Center design and later developed a conceptual master plan.

But the vision for Union Town Square wasn't crafted behind closed doors. It was built hand-in-hand with our community. In November 2023, we formed a Park Advisory Committee, a dedicated group of eight Union residents from different areas of the city. They were joined by the voices of hundreds more through a city-wide public survey. We asked: What do you want in your town square?

Your feedback gave us direction and even the name, Union Town Square, came from that collaborative spirit.

As part of this development, one need became immediately clear: we have outgrown our current city building. With just 2,000 square feet, four full-time employees, and two part-time, we are simply out of room to meet the demands of a growing Union. There's no space for additional staff, no room for storage, and no public works garage.

We knew we didn't just need a bigger building, we needed a better one. A building that felt uniquely Union. Open, welcoming, filled with light, and purpose-built for civic life. A space that accommodates more public attendance and offers a community room for events, gatherings, and shared experiences.

To get it right, we toured other city and county buildings, interviewed multiple architectural and engineering firms, and reviewed several concepts. Then in April 2024, we saw something special. Summit

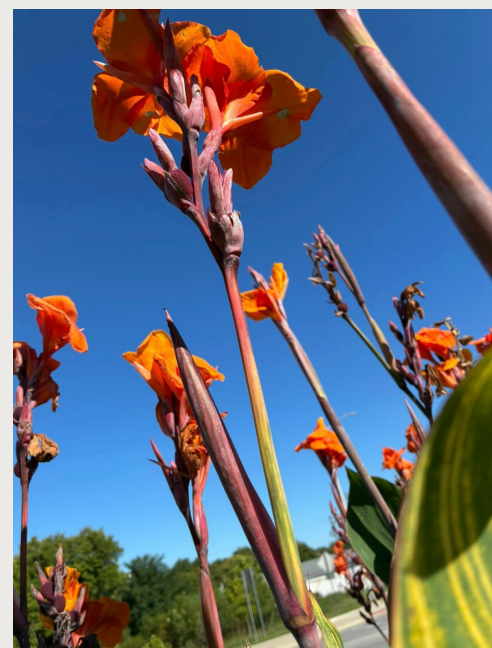
celebrate the beauty of Union!

Bourbon in the Bluegrass
Saturday, October 4, 3-7 PM
Farm Haven

No time to explore the bourbon trail? It's coming to Bourbon in the Bluegrass, where you can enjoy Kentucky's finest right here. Union has an extensive lineup of bourbons and designed specialty cocktails for bourbon fans. Choose from a wide selection of spirit-forward and refreshing cocktails served on demand by hometown mixologists.



August Public Works Updates



Cardinal Park

The city is planning to finish this project in September,

Architects and Engineers presented a design that truly captured our imagination with natural light, seamless indoor-outdoor connection, and an inviting aesthetic that reflected Union's welcoming spirit. We knew we had found our partner.

The city moved forward with an integrated project: a city building and park designed together, built together, with the shared goal of creating a true Union Town Square. Summit AE now leads as the prime, still working closely with MKSK on the park's development.

And once again, we asked for your input. A second public survey was launched in June 2024, and Summit's team brought their vision boards and a 3D model to our most attended event of the year, Union Celebrates America. The excitement from residents was overwhelming. You showed us we're on the right path.

Thanks to thoughtful collaboration between our Commission, city staff, residents, and expert partners, we are now launching a project that reflects the very best of Union's past, present, and future.

We're proud to work alongside Mark Spaulding Construction Co., Poage Engineers, Technical Horizons, Summit AE, and MKSK. They are a talented and committed team helping to bring this vision to life.

In just about 18 months, Union Town Square will be a place where families picnic on the lawn, children laugh in the playground, neighbors gather for concerts and festivals, and residents access city services in a beautiful, welcoming building.

This space will belong to all of us. It will be a destination, a community hub, and a powerful symbol of who we are and where we're going.

although the site obviously won't be in full bloom until late spring 2026. Due to the delay in getting a water line installed, many plantings were delayed. Sod will be installed after Labor Day, and then we'll likely work in some fall color!

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Construction. What will you see over the next few weeks? Currently, our earthmoving contractor is piling up the topsoil for reuse once we're ready for landscaping. With the topsoil removed, they will then level the site to bring it to final grade. Utility trenches will subsequently be dug out to install water and sewer lines in support of the concept plan.



Historically Uniquely Union

Union has a rich history. Here, we are taking a look back at newsworthy articles and fun facts about Union, KY throughout our history.

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NOW HIRING

Part-time/Seasonal Public Works Laborer.

Under the supervision of the Public Works Director, this position will be responsible for general maintenance duties, landscaping care, property clean-up, and assisting with public works projects as directed. This is a part-time opportunity with a maximum of 20 hours per week, Monday – Friday.

More Job Information

Union Highwaymen

Our community is in a state of considerable excitement, owing to the recent daring and successful highway robberies that have been perpetrated in our neighborhood. They have become a very common occurrence here of late. A few nights ago John Wallace, jun., was knocked from his horse and had one hundred and seventeen dollars in gold, which he had pocketed that evening, taken from him. This occurred about one mile from the village of Union on a bright moonlight night, within one hundred yards of a farm-house on one side of the road, and between it and White Haven Institute, distant about two hundred yards on the other side.

Mr. Wallace was riding along at a tolerably rapid pace, when suddenly some one on the side of the road dealt him a blow on the right cheek bone, that caused him to reel in his saddle and catch to the mane of his horse to prevent himself from falling. What the blow was given with he does not know. Before he could recover his seat he was grasped on the other side by another of the desperadoes, and pulled from his horse. Several severe kicks were administered to him in the back and ribs, after which the robbers proceeded to rifle his pockets. When they had obtained all they desired, they raised him to his feet, and made him walk from them, threatening him with death if he looked back. They then made their escape, and no clue has been found to lead to their detection.

Mr. Jules Snyder was robbed about a week ago between Florence and Union, some twelve miles from Cincinnati, of all the money he had with him at the time—some sixty or seventy dollars. Several have been halted and searched at different times, but were fortunate enough to have no money with them. One individual, however, had a pocket knife taken from him. The Deputy Sheriff of our county was halted the other night, but, not obeying the summons, was fired at by the ruffians, but made good his escape without injury. Several other robberies have been attempted. This is an alarming state of affairs. No citizen can feel safe travelling about after night. It is evident that there is an organized band

Highwaymen a problem for Union in 1867. details [here](#).

Historical Details Here

What's Coming to the Promenade?
HotWorx and El Asadero are now open.



Click Here for Map



Commission Meeting Schedule

1843 Bristow Dr Union

Caucus:

September 15

6:00PM

Commission:

September 3 6:00PM

To view minutes, agendas, or more

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