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UNION CITY, GEORGIA



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AUGUST 2019 EDITION

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION 2019 CONFERENCE

The Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) 2019 Annual Convention themed "Cities United: Lead to Succeed," kicked off on June 21, 2019 at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center.

GMA focuses on the value of Georgia's cities and their impact on our state as a whole. As leaders of Georgia cities, it is vital that we continue to enhance our leadership skills and work to make Georgia the best place to live, work and play.

Session moderators included Otis White, President of Civic Strategies, Alex Gregory, former Chairman and CEO of YKK Corporation of America, Joan Higginbotham, a former astronaut and the third African-American woman to travel into space, and Malcolm Mitchell, former Valdosta High School graduate, Wide Receiver for the University of Georgia and Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots, just to name a few.

We also recognized the Georgia Cities Foundation's (GCF) 20th Anniversary and made a tribute to the late Mike Starr, who served as GCF President since its inception until his passing in April 2019.

About GMA

The mission of the Georgia Municipal Association is to anticipate and influence the forces shaping Georgia's cities and to provide leadership, tools and services that assist municipal governments in becoming more innovative, effective and responsive.

[Click Here](#) to view the GMA website.



Installation as the Georgia Municipal Associations' 1st Vice President

I am so honored, humbled, and ecstatic to have been installed as the Georgia Municipal Association Board of Directors 1st Vice President on June 24, 2019.

GMA is truly an amazing organization that serves as an invaluable resource for public servants across the state.

The celebration reception, hosted by The Collaborative Firm, LLC, served as a great way to come together and celebrate this great honor.

Thank you Georgia Municipal Association and thank you to my colleagues and fellow GMA members. Together we will continue to support GMA in its mission to assist Georgia municipal governments in becoming more innovative, effective and responsive.



[Click Here](#) to view the Georgia Municipal Association 2019 Conference Photo Gallery

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2019 SUMMER BOARD & LEADERSHIP MEETING

Cities Strong Together

The National League of Cities (NLC) 2019 Summer Board & Leadership Meeting was both invigorating and eye-opening.

NLC's officers and leaders provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities throughout the year.

I am honored to be a part of a board comprised of men and women with hearts for public

service.

About NLC

NLC is the largest and most representative organization for cities, their elected leaders and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington by building strong federal-local partnerships.

[Click Here](#) to view the NLC website.



[Click Here](#) to view the National League of Cities 2019 Summer Board & Leadership Meeting Photo Gallery.

UNION CITY FARMERS MARKET- VENDORS WANTED



The UC Farmers Market Needs You!

The City seeks vendors including but not limited to produce, fresh-cut flowers, textile products, homemade breads, and local foods. The market, created through partnership with the Atlantic Coast Conservancy and the Georgia Grown Program, will be temporarily located at 5001 Lower Dixie Road, Union City, GA at the end of Lower Dixie Road.

To become a vendor or serve as a volunteer, please contact Vivian Lett at (770) 515-7898 or via email at vlett@unioncityga.org.

LOVE MY CITY CAMPAIGN



Join us on social media!

Gary, Indiana Mayor Freeman-Wilson, President of the National League of Cities (NLC) created the Love My City campaign to help local leaders create more meaningful bonds between communities and their residents. Through four pillars of work and a national campaign, NLC and communities across the country are answering the question: What does it mean to call a place home?

- Encouraging Civic Engagement
- Building Communities for All Generations
- Uplifting Legacy Cities
- Ensuring Housing for All

Let's bring our community together with the "Love My City - Union City" social media campaign!

Take pictures and selfies in your favorite spots around the city. Use the hashtag #LoveMyCity and tag UCMayorVince in your posts.

Just click the social media icons below to follow me and the "Love My City - Union City" campaign!



Here are a couple pictures I took at the Union Grove Baptist Church 110th Anniversary Celebration! From seniors to youth and those in between - we all love UC. Show us what you love about your Union City!



You can find the card below at City Hall located at 5047 Union Street, Union City, GA 30291. Just go to the front desk and ask for the "Love My City" Campaign Card.

OR

Download the "Love My City - Union City" image below, print, and take it with you. Take pictures around the city the the logo and tag us! Don't forget to hashtag #LoveMyCity



NEW UC BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

A Step At a Time Early Learning Academy

I was honored to join A Step At a Time Early Learning Academy as it celebrated its grand opening on June 29, 2019. The Academy, founded in 2018 by its CEO Ms. Tanisha Waller, works to provide quality childcare services to children two to five years of age.

"I would like to thank Mayor Vince Williams for attending our grand opening and for welcoming us to the UC family with open arms," said Ms. Waller. "It was an honor to have him in attendance as he provided great information about our new home - Union City."

A Step At a Time began as an in home licensed childcare program in South West Atlanta and grew within a year to a commercial learning academy. Their belief is that children not only learn through play but a more structural environment by using a creative curriculum that stimulates the advancement of children.

A Step At A Time Early Learning
 6361 Roosevelt Hwy
 Union City, Ga 30291
 Email: Astepatimeearlylearning@gmail.com
 Phone: (678) 519-4062
[Click Here](#) to view their website!



ELECTIONS PUBLIC NOTICE & INFORMATION

Election Information

Union City Elections

The Union City Municipal General Election will take place on November 5, 2019 for two Councilmember seats. Qualifying fees or municipal offices is \$475.50 for each position that is up for election.

The qualifying period will begin on August 19, 2019 and end August 21, 2019, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Individuals may file with Ms. Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk & Elections Superintendent at Union City-City Hall located at 5047 Union Street, Union City, Georgia 30291.

Union City Election 2019 Dates

- November 5, 2019 - City of Union City Municipal Election

Click the links below for more information:

- [Union City Elections Public Notice](#)
- [Candidate Qualifying Criteria](#)
- [Voter Registration Details](#)
- [Polling Locations](#)
- [Mail-In and Absentee Voting Information](#)

Fulton County Elections

Fulton County will hold elections for District 6 of the Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of the late Commissioner Emma I. Darnell.

Fulton County Elections 2019 Dates

- Qualifying Period June 24 – 28, 2019
- Special Election Date – September 17, 2019

Click the links for more information:

- [Qualified Candidates Board of Commissioners, District 6](#)
- [Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections](#)

Farewell to Commissioner Emma I. Darnell

Commissioner Emma I. Darnell was a true pillar of excellence in our community. Commissioner Darnell's favorite poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," reminds us that although she has moved on from this world, her service to Fulton County and its cities will forever be appreciated and her spirit lives on through the many lives that she touched.

Thank you Commissioner Emma I. Darnell - gone but never forgotten.



"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep..."

-Robert Frost

CENSUS 2020

United States Census 2020

Will "UC" Be Counted?

The primary goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and non-citizens. The first census was conducted in 1790 and one has been conducted every 10 years since then.

The population totals affect funding in every community, and data collected in the census help decision makers know how our community is changing. Approximately \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year.

All responses to Census Bureau surveys and censuses are confidential and protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Under this law, the Census Bureau is required to keep respondent information confidential.

[Click Here](#) to read more about why the Census 2020 matters and why each count is important! Take a look at the image below and please stay tuned for upcoming events surrounding the Census 2020!

Census data are being used all around you.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

United States Census Bureau

FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT [CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS](https://www.census.gov/partners)

United States Census 2020

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAYOR?

Take a look at a few of my online and video features!

BJA Today Interview with Host BJ Arnett

**African American Association of Mayors
June 2019 Featured Mayor**

Click the image below to view the video

Click the image below to view the article



UC HAPPENINGS

UC Job Fair

The 2019 UC Job Fair welcomed over 500 job seekers to The Gathering Place Community Center on July 17th.

The fair hosted 25-30 employers and many applicants were hired on the spot. Businesses throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area recruited candidates for full and part-time positions.



[Click Here](#) to view the UC Job Fair 2019 Photo Gallery.

We are very proud of the turnout, both in terms of employers and applicants. Many of our residents were able to connect with employers looking for their specific skills.



Back 2 School Bash

UC started the new school year with a bang at the 2019 Back 2 School Bash on Saturday, July 20th. The 10th annual event provided donations of over 1,000 bookbags to UC school-aged youth.

Partners included:

- Amazon
- Amherst Realty
- Dendreon
- DHL
- Don Jackson of Union City
- Dr. Louis Okun
- Enon Transportation
- FedEx Supply Chain
- Georgia Power
- GFL-Waste Industries
- Greystone Power
- Moreland Altobelli
- Nissan of Union City
- Proctor & Gamble
- Union City Residents

Thank you to our partners and to all who attended!



[Click Here](#) to view the Back 2 School Bash 2019 Picture Gallery.



[Click Here](#) to view the UC Summer Internship 2019 Reception Photo Gallery.

UC Summer Internship Reception

UC said farewell to our 12 summer interns at the UC Summer Internship 2019 Reception.

Each intern is strategically placed within a City department and works closely with departmental leadership during their summer experience.

Hats off to our 2019 interns - the best is yet to come!

UC Fan Giveaway

The UC Fire & EMS Department handed out fans to Union City seniors to help keep them cool. On July 24th, seniors visited Fire Station 42 to pick up their free fan.



[Click Here](#) to view the UC Fan Giveaway 2019 Photo Gallery.



Union Grove Baptist Church of Union City's 110th Anniversary Celebration

It was an honor to attend Union Grove Baptist Church of Union City's 110th Anniversary Celebration Festival on Saturday July 27th.

The church began in 1909, when a small prayer group met on a weekly basis in the Sugar Hill area of Union City.

The formal church was established in 1911 and was named Union Grove Baptist Church. The Reverend John D. Menefee, Sr., serves as Pastor and has been a positive influence in the Union City community.

[Click Here](#) to visit their website.



[Click Here](#) to view the Union Grove Baptist Church of Union City 110th Anniversary Celebration Photo Gallery.

Gladys S. Dennard Library in Union City After Summer Reading Awards Ceremony

I was excited to join Union City youth as they celebrated their reading accomplishments during the Gladys S. Dennard Library's After Summer Reading Awards Ceremony.

[Click Here](#) to see the Library's calendar of events.



UNION CITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Join us and become a

NEXT LEVEL LEADER

If you want to **create, lead, and make a difference**, join the Union City Youth Leadership Council. Pick up an application in the front office or apply online at www.unioncityga.org. Open to all 10th-12th grade students.

Deadline to apply is Sept. 6, 2019 at noon.




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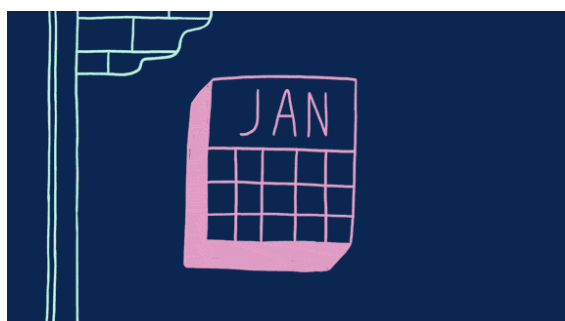


Are You Ready to Become a Next Level Leader?

Join the Union City Youth Leadership Council! All 10th-12th grade students are encouraged to apply!

Applications are available for pick up at Union City-City Hall located at 5047 Union Street, Union City, GA 30291. Students may also apply online at www.unioncityga.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST 2019



Meetings

Council Budget Presentation

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
 5:00 P.M.
 City Hall: Council Chambers
 5047 Union Street
 Union City GA 30291

Council Worksession

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
 6:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
 City Hall: Council Chambers
 5047 Union Street
 Union City GA 30291

Council Regular Meeting & Budget Public Hearing & Millage Rate

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
 7:00 P.M.
 City Hall: Council Chambers
 5047 Union Street
 Union City GA 30291

Adoption of Millage Rate & Budget

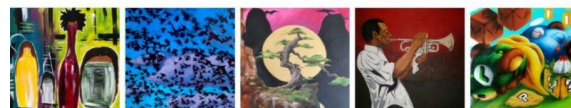
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
 7:00 P.M.
 City Hall: Council Chambers

Special Events

Union City Presents: **THE CREATIVE EXCHANGE**

VISUAL STORIES TOLD BY LOCAL ARTISTS: VOL. 1
 OPENING RECEPTION - AUGUST 8TH AT 6 PM

Free Admission - Open to the Public
 ON DISPLAY THROUGH OCTOBER 2019



Featuring: Tiffany "Blue Soul Artist" Woolard | Michael Sawecki | Rod Parker Benetez | Theodore "The Mello Teddy" McCrary

The Gathering Place Community Center
 6280 Bryant Street | Union City, GA 30291
 For more information, call (770) 515-7898 or email contactuc@unioncityga.org.



The Creative Exchange Opening Reception

Thursday, August 8, 2019
 6:00 P.M.

The Gathering Place Community Center
 6280 Bryant Street
 Union City, GA 30291
 For more information,
 call (770) 515-7898 or email
contactuc@unioncityga.org

LEARN HOW YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE WHEN DISASTER STRIKES.

Join the Union City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This 5-week course starts Aug. 24 and will meet each Saturday through Sept. 21.

- Search & Rescue Training
- Learn First Aid & CPR
- Hands-on Exercises
- Fire Safety Classes

Registration is NOW OPEN. Contact Marcella White at mwhite@unioncityga.org or call (770) 964-9954 to learn more information.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN: Union City

5047 Union Street
Union City GA 30291

[Click Here](#) to view the August 2019 Calendar

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Begins Saturday, August 24, 2019 (5-Week Course)

For more information, call (770) 964-9934 or email mwhite@unioncityga.org



2019 Music & Arts Festival
Saturday, October 12, 2019
11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
4700 Jonesboro Road
Union City, GA 30291
To become a vendor, call (770) 964-2288 or email contactuc@unioncityga.org

FULTON COUNTY NEWS



Click the links to read the articles! [Click Here](#) to sign up for "#OneFulton" Fulton County's weekly e-newsletter.

[Residents Invited to Fulton County Animal Shelter Community Meeting – August 15](#)

[Special Called Meeting with The Atlanta Public Board of Education - August 28th](#)

[Fulton County Senior Facilities to Host MARTA Pop-Up Breeze Card Locations](#)

THE GATHERING PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER



Union City is proud to welcome you to the Gathering Place Community Center, located at 6280 Bryant Street near the Union City Eagles Ball Fields.

The Center was previously home to Union City Elementary School, which once stood as an oasis of education for Fulton County residents. The 25,000 square foot facility now hosts new cultural programs including performing arts, business acceleration, exercise, improved indoor recreation and more.

The center contains an indoor gymnasium, a state-of-the-art performance theater, courtyard with beautiful open space, a dining hall, and several multipurpose rooms.

[Click Here](#) for more information about the Gathering Place Community Center.

UC DEPARTMENT CONTACTS



City Hall
 (770) 964-2288
 5047 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Fire & EMS Department
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency:
 (770) 515-7878
 6510 Watson Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Police Department
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency:
 (770) 964-1333
 5060 Union Street
 Union City, Georgia 30291
[Click Here](#)



Code Enforcement
 (770) 515-7890 or
 (770) 515-7889
 5060 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Public Services
 (770) 306-6855
 6524 Landrum Lane
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



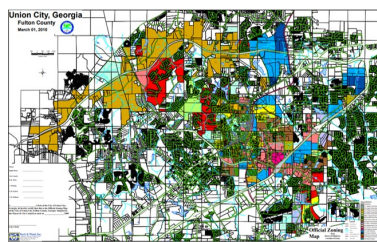
Parks & Recreation
 (770) 892-6288
 6280 Bryant Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Court Services
 (770) 306-6847
 5060 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Economic Development
 (770) 515-7590
 5047 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)



Community Development
 (770) 515-7950
 5047 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
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City Clerk's Office
 (770) 964-2288
 5047 Union Street
 Union City, GA 30291
[Click Here](#)

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Follow me on social media to see my new look. Just click the images below!



E-NEWSLETTER SURVEY

How Did We Do?

Please take a few minutes to take this brief survey regarding your experience with Union City Mayor Vince Williams' E-Newsletter.

Just click the survey button below!



Take Survey

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Send your email address by text message:

Text
UCMAYORWILLIAMS
to **22828** to get started.



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