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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Click the video below!



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How Did We Do?

Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey regarding your experience with Union

residents and keep them informed. Just click the icons below!



City Mayor Vince Williams' E-Newsletter. Just click the survey button below!



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A NOTE TO OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS



"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

-Arthur Ashe

Veterans contribute to American society in many ways; not just during their time in active duty. Throughout our history, military service members have put on their uniforms to protect the values and liberties that this nation was built on. But that doesn't stop once the uniform comes off and their time in active duty has ended.

Veterans take the lessons they have learned and the experiences they've gained and continue their service to our nation by strengthening our communities. They become our nation's leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, and more. Veterans are some of the most active volunteers working to improve communities across our country. Service goes beyond the uniform.

We thank our veterans for their service and commitment to this country and their communities.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THANKFUL



For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, four-day weekends, football games, floats, family reunions, or a forerunner to Christmas festivities. The "First Thanksgiving," however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering.

The meaning of Thanksgiving has undergone numerous transitions. Over the centuries, families added their customs to the Thanksgiving celebration, preserving that which they held most precious. Thanksgiving allows us time to gather in unity, provide teachable moments for our children and prepare our hearts to give thanks.

In the Bible, the meaning of thanksgiving is reflected in adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving is a grateful language to God as an act of worship. The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses on relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man.

Gratitude doesn't seem to come easily these days. We live in a time and in a culture that values

grievance over gratefulness, presents over presence, and selfies over selflessness. But it's important to take the time to appreciate the good in our lives — not just the good that comes about because of our own work or judgment, but also the good that comes from God's promise - to love us in spite of. Find ways to show gratitude during this season.

Everyone deserves to have a warm Thanksgiving meal and people to share it with. If there are any families in Union City that require assistance to have a Happy Thanksgiving meal, please email me at vwilliams@unioncityga.org.

[Click Here](#) for a list of restaurants located within metro Atlanta that will be providing meals for community members.



Mental Health & the Holiday Season

During the holiday season, many look forward to festivities with friends and family. But for others, this time can bring on or worsen stress, anxiety and depression.

There are a variety of factors that can bring on holiday anxiety and depression.

Thanksgiving is increasingly a source of uneasiness for many people, whether it's anxiety over family gatherings or the stress of inevitable political arguments with loved ones at the Thanksgiving table.

If you need assistance or just some one to talk to, please call one of the 24 hour/7 day a week hotlines below:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): (800) 662-4357

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Take some basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Traveling for the Holidays

Many people choose to travel by car during the holidays, which has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation based on fatalities per passenger mile. In 2017, 329 people died on New Year's Day, 463 on Thanksgiving Day and 299 on Christmas Day, according to Injury Facts. Alcohol impairment was involved in about a third of the fatalities. Stay safe on the roads over the holidays and every day:

- Get a good night's sleep before departing, avoid drowsy driving, leave early, and plan ahead for heavy traffic
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
- Designate a sober driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol or

Food Poisoning Safety

Keep your holidays happy by handling food safely. The foodsafety.gov website from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides some valuable holiday food safety tips:

- Wash your hands frequently when handling food and keep raw meat away from fresh produce
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature
- Refrigerate hot or cold leftover food within two hours of being served
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for three to four days when properly refrigerated

Holiday Shopping Safety

When Parking

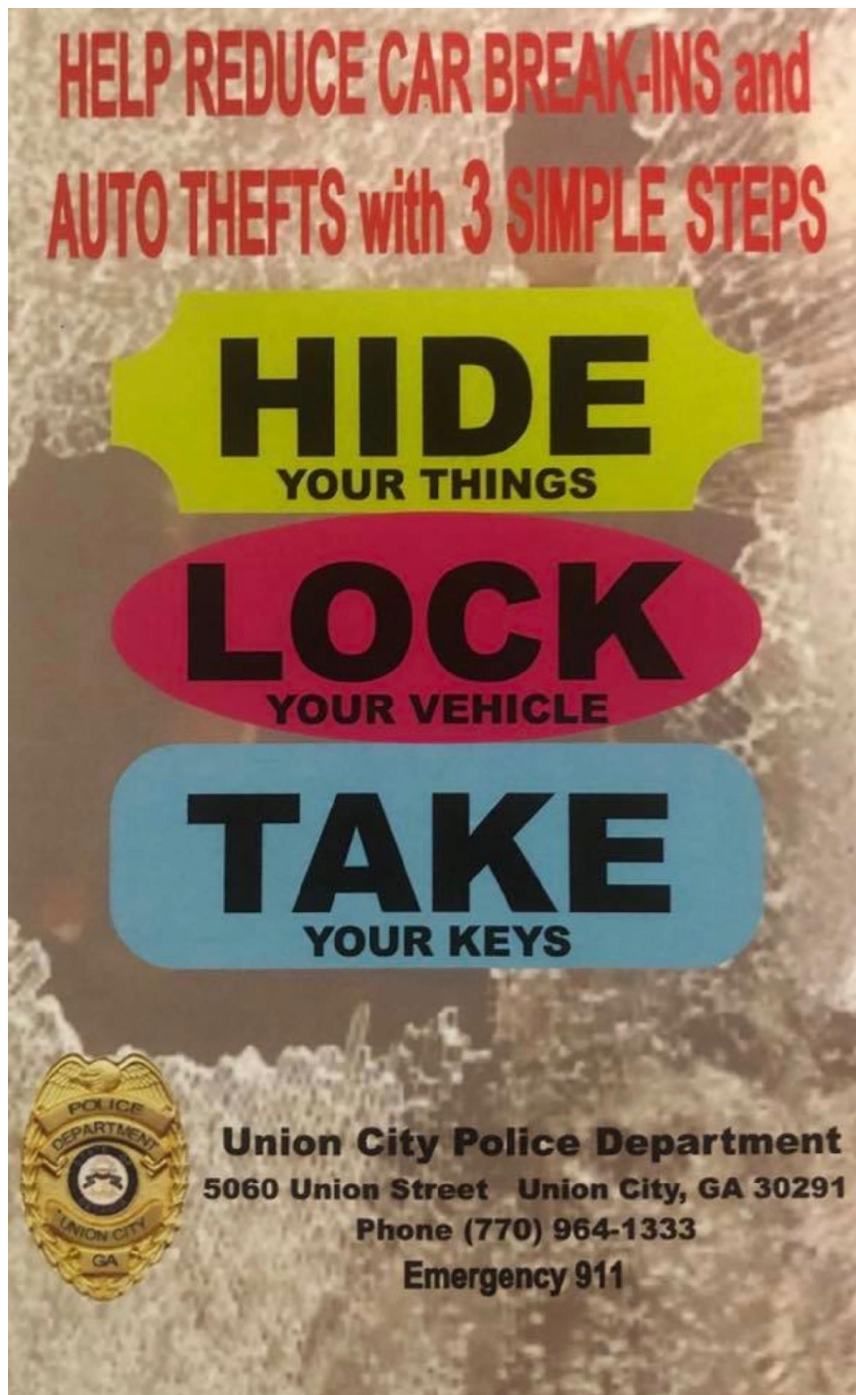
- Always park in well-lit areas. Note the location of your vehicle in the parking lot to conveniently return after shopping
- Always lock all your doors. Remove all items, such as radar detectors, laptops, or packages and hide them in the trunk, glove compartment, out of sight
- Avoid parking near vans or other vehicles with covered cargo areas
- Look around the parking lot for suspicious persons before you exit your vehicle

While Shopping

- Keep your money and credit cards in your front pocket and try to limit the number of credit cards and cash you're carrying while shopping
- To avoid being a victim of "Identity Theft", be aware of exposing credit cards, debit cards, and other identification at the cash register and ATM's. Thieves will utilize cell phones to capture card information without your knowledge
- Be cognizant of any other type of "Distraction" type of crimes that typically occur during this time of the year

When Returning to Your Car

- Have your car key in hand, ready to unlock your door
- Check the parking lot for suspicious people and look around before you exit the store
- Do not return to your vehicle if you see people loitering nearby
- Carry a whistle or other audible device. If you feel threatened, use it. If you're inside your vehicle, lock your doors and honk your horn to attract attention
- Check underneath, in front and in back of your car as you approach it. Check the front and rear passenger seats inside your car before you enter it





UC hosted a successful 6th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run. We welcomed over 800 registered walkers to the walk/run, which began and ended at the new UC Planet Fitness. UC is committed to supporting breast cancer survivors and research.

This year's walk is not only to help support breast cancer research, but was also in honor of our beautiful and beloved Mrs. Michelle McClain Jackson, the late wife of Representative Derrick Jackson.

Following the 5K, UC held the 2019 Music & Arts Festival, also in the Planet Fitness parking lot. The Music & Arts Festival hosted a variety of food trucks, local artwork and craft artisans (jewelry makers, t-shirt designers, handmade soaps and more). It also provided a great line-up of music performances including Grammy award-winning Arrested Development. Wanda Smith, renowned Atlanta radio host, served as the event's MC.

We are proud to provide family-friendly special events for UC residents and business owners and are working to continue to provide an enhanced quality of life for all.



[Click Here](#) to view the 6th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run Photo Gallery.



[Click Here](#) to view the 2019 Music & Arts Festival Photo Gallery.

MEET ME AT THE PARK RECAP

Click the video below to take a look!



The kick-off of the monthly "Meet Me at the Park" was a success and was enjoyed by all who attended. The event is focused on encouraging healthy living and resident engagement.

Many thanks to our partner, the new Planet Fitness of Union City! We are extremely grateful for your partnership and for sharing one of your talented fitness trainers with us!

The next "Meet Me at the Park" is scheduled for December 14th at 8:00 AM depending on agreeable weather.

[Click Here](#) to RSVP for our December event!

[Click Here](#) to view the November 2019 Meet Me at the Park Photo Gallery.



NOVEMBER RECOGNITIONS



National Alzheimer's Disease Month

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in November shines a spotlight on the most common form of dementia. There is no cure for this disease that affects nearly 5.4 million Americans, and the number is growing.

While the entire month is dedicated to raising awareness about the disease, it also focuses on increasing support for caregivers and sharing available resources.

Early onset Alzheimer's targets those under the age of 65. Over time, the disease becomes debilitating because of its progressive nature. Continuing research requires support and early screening programs.

[Click Here](#) to learn about early screening and providing support for caregivers.



National Diabetes Month

In November, National Diabetes Month focuses attention on the growing cost of diabetes on American's health.

From the physical, emotional and social effects to financial and damaging health, diabetes impacts more than 30 million people in the United States. Also known as American Diabetes Month, the month focuses on making healthy changes and reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes.

- Get a physical. Regular checkups let us know where we stand and what changes we need to make. Ask questions, too!
- When we make small changes, we are more likely to stick with them. So, add one or two small changes at a time, instead of huge sweeping changes.
- Keep track of your goals. We are more likely to be honest if we write down our daily intake than if we just guess.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about Diabetes and how to make healthier choices.



No Shave November

No-Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. Learn more about how you can get involved and start getting hairy!

[Click Here](#) for more information.



American Education Week

American Education Week—November 18-22, 2019—will present all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

In recognition of American Education Week, Fulton County Schools is providing the opportunity to Shadow a Principal for a Day! For more information, please contact Samantha Maxey, Director of Community Relations with Fulton County Schools, at 470-254-6820 or via email at Maxey@fultonschools.org.

[Click Here](#) for more information about American Education Week



November 30th is Small Business Saturday!

Small Business Saturday is on November 30, 2019.

This national holiday, which was first celebrated in 2010, calls to attention the importance of shopping at the small businesses that serve as the backbone of the American economy and our local communities.

Each year, Small Business Saturday draws crowds to main streets across the country with great deals on unique products and services, events that encourage shopping locally, and unique experiences that introduce you to commonly valued neighbors.

I encourage you to support small businesses in Union City and in cities across the nation!



CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 6 COMMISSIONER JOE CARN



Fulton County District 6 Commissioner Joe Carn was elected in a Special Election on October 15, 2019, to fill the unexpired term of the late Commissioner Emma Darnell.

Commissioner Carn brings more than 20 years of servant leadership as a community activist, Council member, and Vice-Mayor.

Commissioner Carn was elected to the City Council of College Park in 2005, where he served three consecutive terms. He also served as Vice-Mayor of College Park for three years. His key initiatives included negotiating millions in federal grants to provide airport noise remediation and energy efficiency for residents living around the world's busiest airport. In addition, he advocated for changes to the city's curfew for children age 16 and younger, to reduce neighborhood crime and risks for juveniles. While serving as Vice-Mayor, he lobbied the Georgia Legislature to enact a special hotel-motel tax to generate millions in new revenue for the city.

Congratulations Commissioner Carn. We look forward to seeing your amazing work as Commissioner of District 6!

UC ELECTIONS: CONGRATULATIONS COUNCILWOMAN CHRISTINA HOBBS & COUNCILMAN BRIAN JONES



We send a heartfelt congratulations to both Councilwoman Christina Hobbs & Councilman Brian Jones for their re-election wins! Both Council members have been invaluable team members and we are so happy to have our Council re-united.

Councilwoman Dr. Christina Hobbs has been a resident of Union City for 18 years. She is a committed, results-driven business professional who has served the City of Union City as a council member for the past four years, and as the Vice President of Union City Housing Authority Development, Inc. She is a former member of the Stakeholders Committee for the Union City Comprehensive Plan Update, and former Vice Chairperson of the Union City Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Councilman Brian Jones has lived in Union City since 2002 and served as the President of a Homeowner Association prior to being elected to the City Council in November of 2007. During his tenure, Councilman Jones has served on multiple committees discussing Finance, Environment & Natural Resources and Transportation. Councilman Jones has also served as Chairman of the South Fulton Municipal Regional Water and Sewer Authority.

Congratulations to both Council members! Go Team UC!



UC MAKING STRIDES



New UC City Hall Way-Finder Signage

UC is committed to providing exceptional customer service and encourage residents and business owners to visit us at City Hall and other municipal buildings within the area.

With that in mind, we have installed new way-finding signage near City Hall. These signs point to departments including Utilities and Community Development. They allow visitors to easily navigate and locate their desired destination.



UC Evolving with Technology

City Hall visitors are invited to further connect with us by completing our electronic information form in the new visitor's system.

Visitors can find the online systems at both City Hall entrances. Completing the questionnaire only takes a few minutes and keeps you in the loop with UC.

UC BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Johnson & Freeman, LLC

Johnson & Freeman, LLC was founded in 1994 by Horace J. Johnson, Jr. and Ronald J. Freeman, Sr. The firm built a foundation based on the commitment to integrity, and the provision of the highest level of legal services to its clients.

Their work and adherence to their founding principles has labeled the firm and their founders as staples in the community. In 2002, founding partner, Horace J. Johnson, Jr., joined the Newton County Superior Court Bench. The firm's other founding partner, Ronald J. Freeman, Sr., was named as a "Georgia Super Lawyer", "Georgia Legal Elite," and Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



"My experience as a business in Union City has been a great experience. We practiced in downtown Atlanta beginning in 1994. In 2006, we researched the best market for a suburban boutique business practice and felt Union City was an excellent choice based on location, accessibility to the airport, and downtown and commercial development. We purchased in Union City in 2007 and acquired a 120 year-old property in the historic district. Our experience has been fantastic, the growth of the business market, the citizens and the physical amenities have exceeded our expectations," said founding partner, Ronald J. Freeman, Sr.

Johnson & Freeman, LLC's main focus is Government and Business Law, primarily in the areas of litigation, construction, corporate matters, and complex transactions. In addition, the firm has an active criminal defense practice. The firm's clientele includes governmental entities, domestic corporations and individuals. In addition to its domestic clientele, the firm's client base extends beyond the Atlanta Metro area to Washington, DC, Denver, Colorado, New York, NYC, Atlanta, GA, Las Vegas, NV, and the United Kingdom and West Africa.

"Mayor Williams is a visionary with an astute business mind. He leads by example and he takes care of this City and its citizens. He remains laser focused on smart growth and sustainable development. Mayor Williams has an excellent City Council and skilled workforce. I believe this City will continue to be that beacon of light on the Southside."

Johnson & Freeman, LLC continues to grow its practice by associating with other firms in providing representation to municipalities on large public projects. Despite its growth, the firm continues to provide cost effective and efficient service to all its clients.

"The vision and mission of our firm is to build relationships while exceeding the expectations of our clients by imploring GODLY principles. Being a part of the Union City community allows the firm to continue that rich tradition. We just celebrated our 25th anniversary and intend to continue allowing GOD to be the CEO of this firm. Johnson & Freeman, LLC is happy to be a part of the Union City community."

Congratulations to Johnson & Freeman, LLC on 25 years of stellar service!

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[Click Here](#) to view their website!



FAREWELL TO MARYLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELIJAH CUMMINGS & MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CONYERS



Representative Elijah Cummings: A Powerful Political Voice

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings of the House of Representatives for Maryland's 7th congressional district, went home to be with God on October 27, 2019. Congressman Cummings was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Howard University, serving as Student Government President and graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Congressman Cummings dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he was sworn to represent. He began his career of public service in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served sixteen years and became the first African American in Maryland history to be named Speaker Pro Tem. First sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th District since 1996. He became Ranking Member of the Committee in 2011. He was appointed as Chairman of the Committee in 2019.

Thank you Representative Cummings for your public service and leadership...gone but never forgotten.



Representative John Conyers Jr.: A Lifetime of Service

John Conyers Jr., a Korean War veteran who was the longest serving African American member of Congress in U.S. history, passed away on October 27, 2019.

Former U.S. Rep. John Conyers, a civil rights icon who during five decades in Congress co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus and pushed to establish a national holiday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., passed of natural causes at the age of 90.

His death comes after a long and illustrious career that spanned more than 50 years and 27 terms in office. Representative Conyers' tenure was a remarkable 53-year-run during which the lawmaker, the son of a well-known labor lawyer in Detroit, compiled a near-record legacy of civil rights activism, longevity and advocacy for the poor and underprivileged.

He passed with the sixth-longest tenure in congressional history. We thank you Representative Conyers for your dedication to advocacy, civil rights and the underprivileged.

COUNCILWOMAN SHAYLA NEALY SPOTLIGHTED BY WATERNOW ALLIANCE



A heartfelt congratulations to Councilwoman Shayla Nealy for being featured in the WaterNow Alliance article!

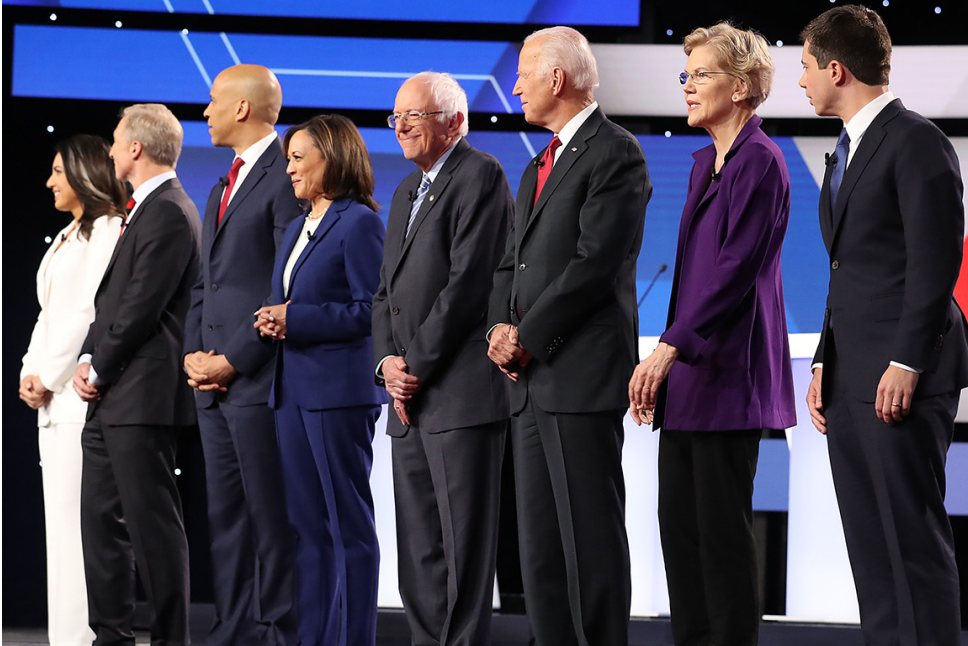
Councilwoman Nealy has extensive experience in infrastructure and the utilities sector and was highlighted for her ability to use that expertise in her leadership as a council member for Union City.

During the interview, Councilwoman Nealy was asked a series of questions that highlights her work and Union City's efforts in regards to improving and enhancing the City's infrastructure.

[Click Here](#) to read the article!



BENEDICT COLLEGE CANDIDATE FORUM



I was ecstatic to join Benedict College for the 2019 Second Step Criminal Justice Reform forum during the weekend of October 25th. Eleven presidential candidates were in attendance. The forum asked presidential candidates to follow up the passing of the First Step Act criminal justice reform bill last year and to promise their second step to address criminal justice reform.

President Trump kicked off the three-day event Friday afternoon as the first presidential speaker of the weekend. After President Trump's visit on Friday, ten Democratic presidential nominees visited Benedict College over the weekend to share their plan for criminal justice reform.

Saturday visitors included Senator Corey Booker, former Rep. John Delaney, Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former Vice President Joe Biden.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former HUD Secretary Julián Castro and Sen. Tulsi Gabbard attended Sunday. Each speaker was allotted an hour for an opening statement, an on-stage interview and questions from students.

Although the candidates represent different backgrounds and levels of experience with criminal justice, they agreed on many policy positions, including legalization of marijuana, ending private prisons and ending the cash bail system.



Presidential Candidate Senator Corey Booker of New Jersey

UC MASTER PLAN



The City embarked on a relationship with the Portman Group to create a UC Master Plan.

The plan has been finalized and provides a vision of who Union City will be in many years to come. Representatives from Portman Architects presented their Conceptual Master Plan to the Mayor, City Council members, and residents, during the October 15th City Council Meeting .

[Click Here](#) to view the Conceptual Master Plan.

UC HOSTS OCTOBER SOUTH FULTON MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MEETING



Building a Stronger South Fulton through Community Partnerships

UC was proud to host the October South Fulton Municipal Association Meeting.

We were joined by leaders from our neighboring cities. Hank Evans, Senior Project Manager for the Georgia Department of Economic Development served as our guest speaker.



We send a heartfelt "thank you" to the Historic Green Manor for providing a delicious meal and venue for the evening.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2019 CITY SUMMIT - COMMON AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The National League of Cities (NLC) will host its City Summit conference on November 20-23, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. City Summit is the largest educational and networking event for city officials. Thousands of city officials and professional staff will convene in San Antonio for four days of educational seminars, organizational policy-making and networking.

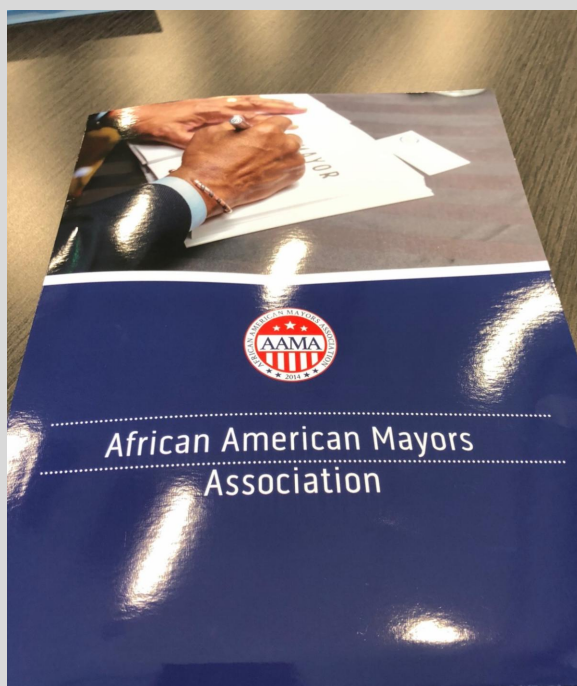
City Summit provides city officials with educational and practical content on major challenges facing city leaders. Attendees will hear from prominent speakers and issue experts, participate in leadership training sessions, attend issue-specific workshops and engage in mobile workshops held throughout the city.

The summit is also a forum for many NLC's Governance activities and includes meetings and events by the Board of Directors, policy and advocacy committees, member committees and constituency groups. The event concludes with NLC's annual membership meeting. The Exposition showcases a variety of products and services available to cities.

I am so excited to share that Oscar and Grammy Award-winning artist, Common will speak at the National League of City's (NLC) City Summit Conference!

He will share insights from his latest book, "Let Love Have the Last Word." I am sure this year's City Summit will be inspiring and exhilarating.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION "TECH IN THE CITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT"



I was honored to attend the African American Mayor's Association (AAMA) "Tech in the City Leadership Summit."

The summit was held in the City of Augusta, GA and hosted by Mayor Hardie Davis, who is also President of AAMA!

AAMA, in partnership with Comcast, Verizon, HCA Healthcare and Cisco, convened state and city policy leaders from around the country, as well as those at the forefront of the technology industry, for a conversation about the impacts and opportunities of automation, smart cities and how our cities can prepare citizens to fully participate in the innovation economy.

During the welcome reception, Mayor Davis presented Reverend Jesse Jackson with the AAMA President's Trailblazer Award for his outstanding contributions in calling attention to the importance of diversity in tech.

I spoke on the importance of the 2020 Census and why each response matters.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about AAMA.



Rev Jesse Jackson, 2019 recipient of the AAMA President's Trailblazer Award!



Mayors:

- *Stephen Benjamin, Columbia, South Carolina*
- *Hardie Davis, Augusta, Georgia*
- *Vince Williams, Union City, Georgia*
- *Oliver Gilbert, Miami Gardens, Florida*

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Building Strong & Vibrant Communities

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) provides services and programs that help local governments create quality communities. These include technical assistance, capacity development, best practice identification and implementation in areas such as local government planning, incorporating volunteerism, and downtown development, as well as wise resource management and conservation.

DCA has been an advocate for Georgia communities since 1977. In 1996, the Governor and General Assembly merged the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority (GHFA) into DCA, and the job of providing safe and affordable housing became part of the agency's mission. For four decades, DCA has helped communities spur private job creation, implement comprehensive plans, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions and promote volunteerism.

DCA:

- Is a state agency with 425 employees
- Runs 65 programs
- Has 12 regional representatives aligned with Georgia's Regional Commissions
- Manages nearly \$300 million in state and federal funding each year

Click the video below to learn more about DCA.



MAYOR'S INSTITUTE ON CITY DESIGN



The Mayor's Institute on City Design is a collaborative initiative that assists mayors from across the country address major civic challenges through design.

The New York Regional Session included seven mayors:

- Mayor Shawn Maldon, Capitol Heights, MD
- Mayor Judy Paul, Davie, FL
- Mayor James Hovland, Edina, MN
- Mayor Josh Levy, Hollywood, FL
- Mayor Christian Price, Maricopa, AZ
- Mayor Vince Williams, Union City, GA
- Mayor John D'Amico, West Hollywood, CA

We were also joined by the Van Alen Institute, an institute of professional designers, architects, and urban planners. During the session, we discussed impact as it relates to our cities regional design. We gained an understanding of how design informs issues facing our cities, including

economic and community development, zoning and regulations, and housing and transportation.

We at UC, believe that renewing our city center with uses like restaurants, stores, parks and places for recreation, may help Union City better harness the benefits of new investment and workers coming into the city. By investing in a city center, our hope is for UC to be a great place to live, work, play, and stay to raise families.

This session equipped us with a valuable new asset to address the challenges and opportunities faced in our individual cities. It also sparked the beginning of life-long relationships among one another.



CREATING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Want to create a Neighborhood Watch for your community?

Contact UCPD COPS Unit today to get started. Watch groups are not vigilantes and should not assume the role of the police. Their duty is to ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring—and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police. Here are a few tips above to get you started:

- Work with the police or sheriff's office. These agencies are critical to a Watch group's credibility and are the source of necessary information and training.
- Link up with your victims' services office to get your members trained in helping victims of crime.
- Hold regular meetings to help residents get to know each other and to decide upon program strategies and activities.
- Consider linking with an existing organization, such as a citizens' association, community development office, tenants' association, or housing authority. They may be able to provide an existing infrastructure you can use.
- Canvass door-to-door to recruit members.
- Ask people who seldom leave their homes to be "window watchers," looking out for children and reporting any unusual activities in the neighborhood.
- Translate crime and drug prevention materials into Spanish or other languages needed by non-English speakers in your community. If necessary, have a translator at meetings.

FULTON COUNTY HOSTS 4th QUARTER COALITION MEETING IN UC

Safe Kids Fulton County

Safe Kids Fulton County held its 4th Quarter Coalition Meeting in UC on October 17th.

Safe Kids Fulton County is led by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, which provides dedicated and caring staff, operation support and other resources to assist in keeping kids safe.

Based on the needs of the community, this coalition implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops and sports clinics, that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

Representatives from Atlanta, Fairburn, Palmetto, City of South Fulton, CDC, Fulton County Health, Walmart and others were in attendance. Many thanks to all of our speakers who highlighted the importance of child safety.

[Click Here](#) for information about Safe Kids Fulton County.



CENSUS 2020



Will "UC" Be Counted?

Starting in 2019, you may notice census takers in your neighborhood.

This is a normal part of preparations for the 2020 Census. Census Bureau employees will also be in the community to continue collecting information for the American Community Survey and other ongoing surveys.

How Can You Verify That Someone Is a Census Worker?

- If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:
 - First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
 - If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact your Regional Census Center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Why Are Census Workers Out in Communities?

You might see census takers in your neighborhood for a few different reasons:

- They are verifying addresses in preparation for the census.
- They are collecting responses to the census or another survey.
- They are dropping off census materials.
- They are conducting quality checks related to the census.

Want to work for the Census? [Click Here](#) to view job opportunities!

[Click Here](#) to take a look at what questions are asked on the 2020 Census.

[Click Here](#) to read more about why the Census 2020 matters and why each count is important!

Click the image below to watch the "Shape Your Future: The 2020 Census" video and stay tuned for upcoming events surrounding the Census 2020!

SYMPHONIC TAIPEI



On November, 17th, I was honored to join the Syphonic Taipei for the 40th anniversary of Taipei-Atlanta Sister Cityhood.

The concert, hosted by the Atlanta Care and Assistance Association, Taipei City Government and the Atlanta-Taipei Sister Cities Committee, featured approximately 100 artists from Taipei.

THE CREATIVE EXCHANGE: OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

THE CREATIVE EXCHANGE

VISUAL STORIES OF LOCAL ARTISTS: VOL 2



THE GATHERING PLACE COMMUNITY CTR
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH
CONTACT VIVIAN LETT FOR MORE INFO. [VLETT@UNIONCITYGA.ORG](mailto:vlett@unioncityga.org)



Calling ALL painters, illustrators, photographers, mixed media artists, and creatives - Union City's Creative Exchange is conducting an OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS!

Get your work featured our award-winning community center, The Gathering Place. The submission deadline is Friday, November 15th. Contact Vivian Lett at vlett@unioncityga.org to learn more about our community exhibit. "Visual Stories of Local Artists: VOL 2" will run from December 2019 - February 2020.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAYOR?

Take a look at a few of my video features!

My Union City 2020 Vision Video

Click the image below to view the video



UC HAPPENINGS



UC City Manager Designated as Credentialed Manager

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Executive Board designated our amazing City Manager, Mrs. Sonja Fillingame, as a Credentialed Manager.

To receive the ICMA credential, through the Credentialing Program, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Managers are recognized by ICMA through a peer review credentialing process, and this self-directed program offers an opportunity for interested ICMA members to quantify the unique expertise they bring to their communities.

Congratulations City Manager Fillingame. You are truly an amazing leader and we are proud to call you our own!

Customer Appreciation Day

On October 18th, UC hosted a great Customer Service Appreciation Day event.

The goal of the event was to engage residents and business owners.

Customer appreciation is more than simply being nice to your customers. It's about making your customers feel like they really matter and are one in a million because they do and they are.

Thank you to the UC Finance Department for leading the event.



UC Fall Festival

UC welcomed numerous families and children to our 2019 Fall Festival on October 25th.

Attendees participated in games, hay rides, food, and wore amazing Halloween costumes. Many thanks to all who attended.

Kudos to the Parks & Recreation Department for a job well done.

Thank you also to the UC Fire and Police Departments for providing safety tips and yummy treats.



Cheer Dad's Breakfast

We thoroughly enjoyed the annual Cheer Dad Breakfast in October.

This highly anticipated event is always heart-warming and highly attended by the fathers of our amazing cheerleaders.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO MY WIFE -
MRS. SHARON WILLIAMS
&
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY DAUGHTER -
NIA WILLIAMS**

Happy Anniversary to My Wife - Mrs. Sharon Williams



"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."

-Proverbs 18:22 NKJV

After 24 years of marriage, you are still just as beautiful as the first day we met. When I say beautiful, it is not only the outward appearance but also your amazing personality and kind heart. I am so thankful and absolutely blessed to have you in my life. You are an amazing wife and mother. Thank you for your selfless support and for allowing me to continue to serve Union City.

I would like to wish a special **Happy Anniversary** to the love of my life, my wife, my best friend, my confidant...the beautiful Mrs. Sharon Williams...lets keep doing life together!

#24Years

Happy Birthday to My Daughter - Nia Williams



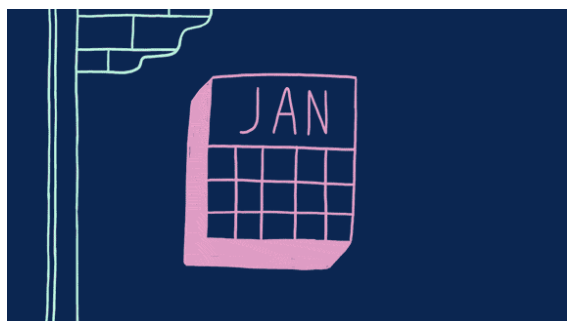
"For I know the plans I have for you, "says the LORD." They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope!"

-Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

My precious Nia, you have literally been on the move since day one! GOD is doing great and mighty things in your life, as HE promised!!! Enjoy your day and all there is to come. Happy Birthday To You Princess!!!

I love you,
Daddy

UPCOMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2019



Meetings

Council Worksession
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
6:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
City Hall: Council Chambers
5047 Union Street
Union City GA 30291

Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.
City Hall: Council Chambers
5047 Union Street
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[Click Here](#) to view the November 2019 Calendar

Special Events



Holiday Tree Lighting Event
Monday, December 2, 2019
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Mayors' Park
(located at the corner of Watson a&
Union Street)

FULTON COUNTY NEWS



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THE AWARD WINNING UNION CITY 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.

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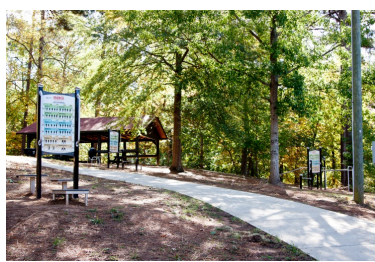
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Code Enforcement
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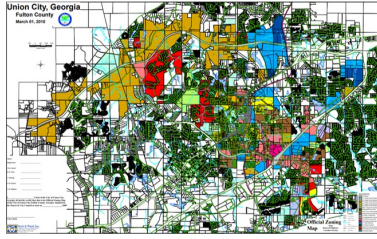
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