

# MAYOR VINCE R. WILLIAMS

UNION CITY, GEORGIA



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2019 EDITION

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Click the video below!



#### Follow Mayor Vince Williams!

Stay tuned in and follow me on social media. I use my social media platforms to engage with residents and keep them informed. Just click the icons below!



#### How Did We Do?

Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey regarding your experience with Union City Mayor Vince Williams' E-Newsletter. Just click the survey button below!



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## MAYOR'S PARK RENOVATIONS & HWY 29 BALLFIELDS REBOOT



"Just as water, sewer, and public safety are considered essential public services, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community." - National Recreation and Park Association

The City of Union City agrees wholeheartedly with this sentiment. That is why we have placed the renovation of our community parks as one of our top priorities. Renovations have been implemented at Mayor's Park and renovations to the Hwy 29 Ballfields are almost complete. We cant wait for our community members to see the improvements.

Mayor's Park, located on the corner of Watson and Union Street now includes a newly insulated walking track, new light fixtures and a beautiful water fountain.

The Hwy 29 Ballfields Reboot will be completed in early 2020 and will include additions such as a volleyball court, walking trail, fitness stations, picnic areas and a skate park.

[Click Here](#) to view more pictures of Mayor's Park!

### Mayor's Park Ribbon Cutting & Grand Re-Opening Ceremony

We are proud to have cut the ribbon on our newly improved Mayor's Park today during the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony. We were joined by residents, team UC and many others.

[Click Here](#) to view the Mayor's Park Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Ceremony photo gallery.





## MEAC SWAC - HBCU FOOTBALL

"Let's Go Wildcats" and "Get Ready" were two songs that boomed through the Georgia State Stadium during the MEAC SWAC Challenge on September 1st.

The second MEAC SWAC Challenge held in Atlanta, featured the Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats and Jackson State University Tigers.

The MEAC/SWAC Challenge is an annual game that features teams from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). Launched in 2005 and played on Labor Day Weekend, the match up was held for its first three years at the historic Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. The 2018-2020 games will be played at the Georgia State Stadium.

The MEAC/SWAC Challenge is owned and operated by ESPN Events, a division of ESPN, which owns and operates a large portfolio of collegiate sporting events worldwide.

Congratulations to the winning team, the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, for taking home the trophy and kudos to both teams for their efforts.



## UNION CITY WELCOMES JAGUAR LAND ROVER



I was elated to welcome Jaguar Land Rover to the great City of Union City during their grand opening ceremony.

The Jaguar Land Rover facility, located at 3900 Jonesboro Rd, will provide 50 jobs to the UC community.

The building is Sonic Automotive's 5th Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) store. Sonic, a fortune 300 company that was founded by Bruton Smith, is the 4th largest automotive retail company in the country. The Union City store is the fourth JLR store in Georgia.

"JLR South is here to treat you the way you have always wanted to be treated," stated General Manger Marvin Sibert. " The World class Experience is here in Union City."

[Click Here](#) to view the Jaguar Land Rover Grand Opening Ceremony photo gallery.

## NATIONAL BLACK STATE TROOPERS COALITION SERVICE PROJECT IN UC



### Thank You NBSTC!

The National Black State Troopers Coalition made a difference in Union City at the Union City Etris-Darnell Senior Center. Over 200 members provided amazing renovations to the center including painting, installing new carpet and cleaning.

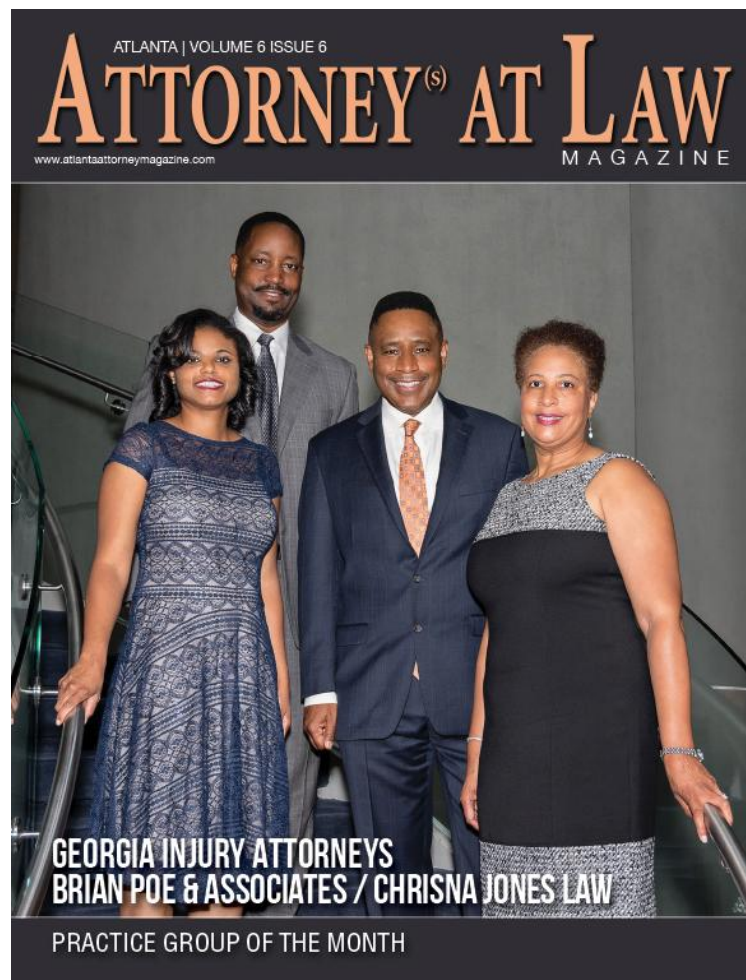
The National Black State Troopers Coalition (NBSTC), Inc. works to provide equal opportunity for all persons to engage in gainful employment within the community. The Coalition promotes communication between minority state troopers throughout the United States and within their own agencies. They also work to encourage minorities to seek employment in law enforcement, encourage incumbent officers to remain in law enforcement, participate in self-improvement programs, and prepare and compete for promotion and assignments to special units.

Union City thanks NBSTC for their hard work and service to communities nationwide.

[Click Here](#) to visit the National Black State Troopers Coalition's website.



## UC BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



### Brian Poe & Associates

Brian Poe & Associates is primarily a personal injury focused law firm. The Union City location, which opened in 2005, is the headquarters for two law firms: Brian Poe & Associates and Georgia Injury Attorneys. Georgia Injury Attorneys is a division of Brian Poe & Associates and Chrisna Jones Law.

Since 2005, Brian Poe & Associates have built a reputation of unparalleled practice in Union City. They are a strong law firm that works to provide exceptional service to their clients.

Attorney Poe is Chairman of both law firms and also serves as Chairman for Poe Simpson Law Firm, an entertainment, business & real estate firm in downtown Atlanta. He was also recently nominated as a Torch Award Honoree for the 9th Annual RICE Awards.

"I am delighted to see the growth in the overall profile of Union City. It has truly improved under the leadership of Mayor Vince Williams," said Attorney Brian Poe. The fact that Atlanta Metro Studios chose Union City as its home speaks volumes about this community. When we first opened in 2005, we had to explain where Union City was located. Through hard work and great leadership, that has changed. People know who Union City is!"

Brian Poe & Associates has been a sponsor of the Union City Community Health Day for a number of years. UC is proud to have Brian Poe & Associates as a long-time business and partner of our community.

**Brian Poe & Associates**  
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4910 Old Jonesboro Rd.  
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Union City, Georgia 30291  
Email: [brian@injuryattorneys-georgia.com](mailto:brian@injuryattorneys-georgia.com)  
Phone: (770) 892-2230  
[Click Here](#) to view their website!





## A LETTER FROM U.S. SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON



On behalf of the City of Union City, I send a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson for 40 years of public service to the State of Georgia and its many communities. Representative Isakson announced that he will resign from the Senate Office in December 2019.

As the only Georgian to have ever been elected to the State House, State Senate, U.S. House and U.S. Senate, Representative Isakson is a true pillar of excellence. He is also the first Georgia Republican to ever be elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate.

Please take a moment to read a letter penned by Representative Isakson:

*Dear Friend,*

*It has been the honor and privilege of a lifetime to serve the state of Georgia in the Georgia State House, Georgia Senate, U.S. House and U.S. Senate. As you know, I have been battling health challenges for several years, and after much prayer and consultation with my family, I have decided I will leave the Senate effective December 31, 2019.*

*I am leaving a job I love because my health-challenges are taking their toll on me, my family and my staff. My Parkinson's has been progressing and I am continuing physical therapy to recover from a fall in July. In addition, this week I had surgery to remove a growth on my kidney.*

*In my 40 years in elected office, I have always put my constituents and my state of Georgia first. With the mounting health challenges I am facing, I have concluded that I will not be able to do the job over the long term in the manner the citizens of Georgia deserve. It goes against every fiber of my being to leave in the middle of my senate term, but I know it's the right thing to do on behalf of my state.*

*I thank you for your continued support. Without it, my years of service would not have been possible and because of that I am forever grateful.*

*Sincerely,*

*Johnny Isakson*

## UC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

### A Road to Prosperity

Union City is a thriving city, riding on the cusps of increased economic development, job growth, and enhanced quality of life.

I am excited to share with you our success stories and future endeavors as it relates to economic vitality in our great city. We're just getting started!

[Click Here](#) or click the image to view our Economic Development Success Fact Sheet.



**UNION CITY** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

**A ROAD TO PROSPERITY**

Union City is not playing it small — **we're playing it big.** We're recognized for our great leadership: Georgia Trend named Mayor Vince Williams one of 2018's "Notable Georgians," President Barack Obama awarded him the President's Lifetime Achievement Award and Governor Nathan Deal appointed him to the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council, Georgia's 9th Advisory Council, and most recently, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

When we play it big, our residential community thrives alongside our business community — **strength in all sectors** is best for our community, region and state.

When Mayor Williams came into office, there was less than \$1 Million in our reserve fund. Today, our **tax base is stronger**, and we now have **more than \$14.5 Million in reserves.** We're proud of this track record.

As a result of our success in industrial development, Union City is also pushing forward with development in our community:

- A total of **1,750 permits** were issued in FY 2017.
- This is a **288% increase** in comparison to FY 2013 and serves as another driver for site selection.

**More than 950 acres of land have been donated** to Union City for park land and passive uses. This means we're preserving green space for future generations.

**WHO'S HERE?**

We are proud to partner with companies that are making significant investments in our economy:

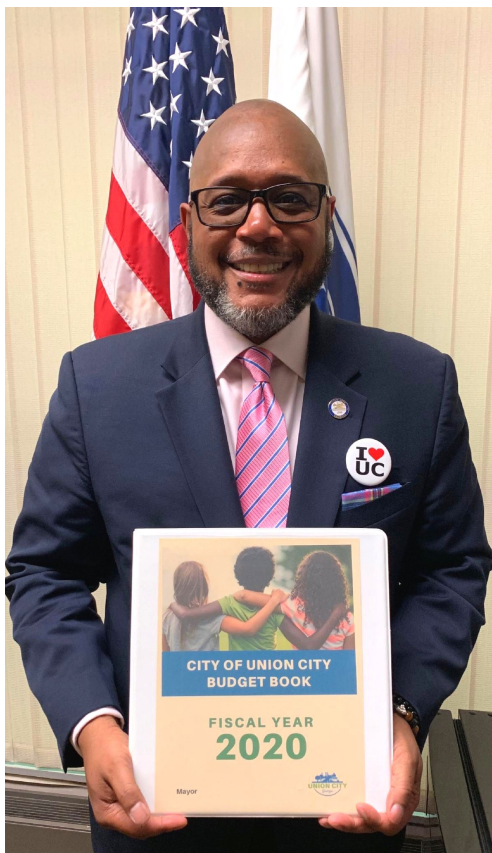
- Atlanta-based **ATLANTA PETRO STUDIOS**
- **KEURIG**
- **ASOS**
- **GE**
- **Costco**
- **Publix**
- **Walmart**
- **P&G**
- **Google**
- **CAT**
- **Kellogg's**
- **Kraft**

• British online retailer **ASOS** made a \$100M investment and just approved another \$50M.

• **Walmart.com**, **Amazon**, **Coca-Cola** and **Procter & Gamble** combined have invested more than \$500M into the Union City community.

• These high-tech, e-commerce projects are bringing people-intensive work environments to Union City. As part of these developments, nearly 3M square feet of office space has been built in Union City.

## UC APPROVED 2020 BUDGET



### FY 2020 Budget

With great excitement, Union City adopts and approves its FY 2020 budget with no tax increases.

## ELECTIONS PUBLIC NOTICE & INFORMATION

# 2019 ELECTIONS



### Union City Elections

The Union City Municipal General Election will take place on November 5, 2019 for two Councilmember seats.

[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](#)
- [Voter Registration Details](#)
- [Polling Locations](#)
- [Early Voting Locations](#)
- [Mail-In and Absentee Voting Information](#)

## Fulton County Elections

Early Voting to fill the unexpired term of the late Commissioner Emma I. Darnell began on August 26, 2019.

### Fulton County Elections 2019 Dates

- 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](#)

## Re-Elect Councilman Brian Jones & Councilwoman Christina Hobbs



### Councilman Brian Jones

Councilman Brian K. Jones is a native of Atlanta, Georgia and a graduate of Westlake High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Morehouse College and a Master of Business Administration from Keller School of Management at DeVry. Councilman Jones also holds a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

Councilman Jones has 17 years' experience in government as an employee of Fulton County Government. During that time he has gained valuable knowledge from working in the Fulton County Police Department, District Commissioners Office and Purchasing & Contract Compliance.

Councilman 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.

[Click Here](#) to visit Councilman Jones' website.





Re-Elect **Christina**

**HOBBS**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Committed to Moving Union City A.H.E.A.D.



**Councilwoman Dr. Christina Hobbs**

Union City Council member 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.

Dr. Hobbs enjoys working with entrepreneurs and business leaders to help them secure government contracts. She also works with prime construction firms to secure opportunities for subcontractors.

Dr. Hobbs is currently the Training and Business Operations Manager in the Division of Strategy and Fiscal Affairs for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. She has been with the University System for over 21 years.

[Click Here](#) to visit Councilwoman Hobbs website.



**CENSUS 2020**



### Will "UC" Be Counted?

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you will have the option to respond online. You can even respond on your mobile device.

[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!



## HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAYOR?

Take a look at a few of my video features!

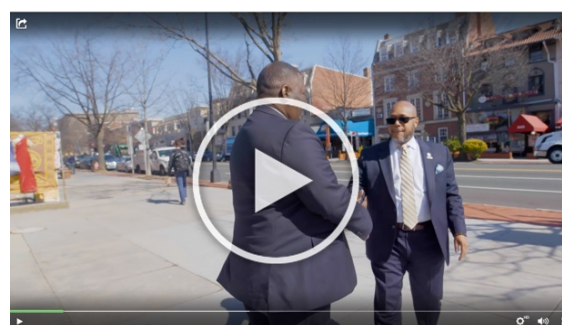
### AERO ATL Podcast featuring Mayor Vince Williams

*Click the image below to view the video*



### National League of Cities - Identity Video 2019

*Click the image below to view the article*



## UC HAPPENINGS

## The Creative Exchange

Art is everywhere, influencing us on a daily basis, whether we realize it or not.

UC recognizes the importance of promoting and supporting art within our community. We are so proud to have featured local artists and their work at The UC Creative Exchange Opening Reception at the Gathering Place Community Center.

Featured artists included Tiffany "Blue Soul Artist" Woolard, Michael Sawecki, Rod Parker, Benetez, Theodore "The Mello Teddy" McCrary as well as multiple anonymous artists.

Visit our new community center and be sure to take a look at these beautiful pieces of work.

[Click Here](#) to view The UC Creative Exchange Opening Reception photo gallery.



[Click Here](#) to view UC's City Hall Selfie Day photo gallery.

## City Hall Selfie Day

Union City celebrated City Hall Selfie Day 2019! City Hall Selfie Day is a worldwide celebration of local government service. It showcases pride in local government institutions.

Local government employees, elected officials, media, and community members are encouraged to take a self portrait (selfie) in front of a city hall or other government building, and share it using the hashtag #CityHallSelfie.

City Hall Selfie Day is managed by the Engaging Local Government Leaders network (ELGL). ELGL is a professional association of 4,800 people who work for and with local government.

[Click Here](#) to visiting ELGL's website.

## End of Summer Senior Cookout

I greatly enjoyed spending time with some of UC's seniors at the end of summer senior cookout.

Our Senior Program was created four years ago thanks to the efforts and partnership of the late Commissioner Emma Darnell and my fellow Council Members. The program not only includes great senior activities, but also provides a bus that will transport seniors to the community center to participate in those activities.

Our seniors are a vital part of our community and we are dedicated to making sure they receive exceptional municipal services. We encourage seniors to attend our public meetings to support our mission in providing increased services to our senior community.





[Click Here](#) to view the End of Summer Senior Cookout photo gallery.



### Jazz in the Court Yard

Jazz lovers, family and friends enjoyed the melodious tunes from The Al Smith Jam Session and Leonard Julien at the Jazz in the Court Yard event.

The Al Smith Jam Session, led by keyboardist Al Smith, is a contemporary jazz, soul, and R&B band. Leonard Julien, III is a vocalist and balladeer with a tremendous vocal range.



Many thanks to Al Smith's Midtown Atlanta Jam Session and Leonard Julien for an amazing performance!



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!  
STILL ACCEPTING NEXT LEVEL LEADER  
APPLICATIONS**



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](http://www.unioncityga.org). Open to all 10th-12th grade students.

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



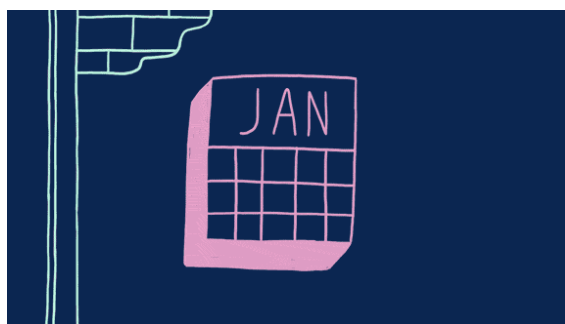
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10th - 12th grade students can still join the Union City Youth Leadership Council!

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](http://www.unioncityga.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2019



### Meetings

**Council Worksession**  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
6:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall: Council Chambers  
5047 Union Street  
Union City GA 30291

**Council Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
7:00 P.M.  
City Hall: Council Chambers  
5047 Union Street  
Union City GA 30291

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

### Special Events



**2nd Union City Gran Fondo**  
Sunday, September 22, 2019  
5047 Union Street  
Union City, GA 30291  
Time: Varies

Online Registration Deadline: Thursday,  
Sep 19, 2019 at 5:00 PM  
For more information,  
call (678) 575-4684 or  
[Click Here](#) to visit the website



**6th Annual Pinktober Breast Cancer  
5K Walk/Run**  
Saturday, October 12th  
9:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.  
4700 Jonesboro Road, Union City. Visit  
[www.unioncityga.org](http://www.unioncityga.org) for more details,  
including how to register. For questions,  
call  
(770) 964-2288 or email  
[contactuc@unioncityga.org](mailto:contactuc@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](mailto:contactuc@unioncityga.org)

## FULTON COUNTY NEWS



**FULTON  
COUNTY**

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

[Fulton County Receives \\$2.5  
Million Federal Grant for  
Minority AIDS Initiative](#)

[Fulton to Open 5 Early  
Voting Sites for September  
Special Election](#)

[Commissioners Approve  
Funding to Level Up Program](#)

**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.

## UC DEPARTMENT CONTACTS



**City Hall**  
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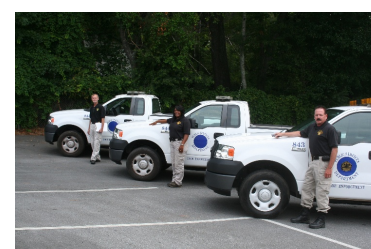
**Fire & EMS Department**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency:  
(770) 515-7878  
6510 Watson Street  
Union City, GA 30291

[Click Here](#)



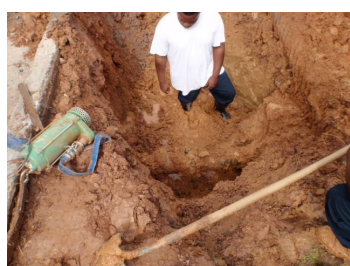
**Police Department**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency:  
(770) 964-1333  
5060 Union Street  
Union City, Georgia 30291

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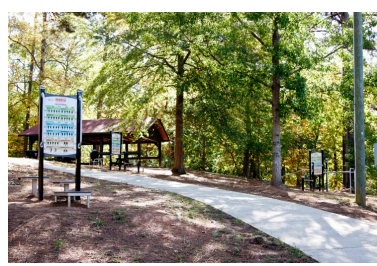
**Code Enforcement**  
(770) 515-7890 or  
(770) 515-7889  
5060 Union Street  
Union City, GA 30291

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**Public Services**  
(770) 306-6855  
6524 Landrum Lane  
Union City, GA 30291

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**Parks & Recreation**  
(770) 892-6288  
6280 Bryant Street  
Union City, GA 30291

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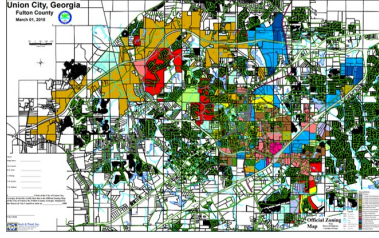


**Court Services**  
(770) 306-6847  
5060 Union Street  
Union City, GA 30291

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**Economic Development**  
 (770) 515-7590  
 5047 Union Street  
 Union City, GA 30291  
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**Community Development**  
 (770) 515-7950  
 5047 Union Street  
 Union City, GA 30291  
[Click Here](#)



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

## E-NEWSLETTER SURVEY

### Tell Us What You Think!

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Text  
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 to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.



Have questions or concerns? Want to schedule a meeting?  
Just click the button below to send me an email!

**EMAIL ME!**

Mayor Vince R. Williams | City of Union City, GA

