MEASURE Z INFORMATION

A local voter-approved half cent sales tax that has been in place for the last 12 years is set to expire. The local sales tax currently provides approximately $6 million in annual funding.

The City Council unanimously placed Measure Z on the November 2022 ballot to renew the local sales tax for an additional nine years, without increasing tax rates. Funds from Measure Z can be used for general government services, including police, fire, public works, and recreational and social services.

Fiscal Accountability and Exemptions

› Certain purchases (groceries, prescription medicine, etc.) are exempt
› All funds must stay local to fund local services and programs
› Annual independent audits and oversight committee required

All registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail the week of October 10th. For information on voter registration, ballot drop box locations or other election related questions, please visit www.Acvote.Org or call (510) 272-6973.

UPCOMING CITY ELECTIONS

On June 14, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5948-22 calling the General Municipal Election for November 8, 2022 for the election of Councilmembers for District 2, 3, and 4.

In order to qualify as a registered voter in Union City you must be:
› A U.S. Citizen
› At least 18 years of age on the date of the election
› Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction
UNION CITY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Union City CERT is a community-based program funded through FEMA. CERT trains residents to care for everyone during a disaster.

In partnership with Alameda County Fire Department the Union City CERT will train residents in basic fire suppression, utility control, and other skills that will help save lives and protect property.

If you are interested in learning more please visit our website: https://tinyurl.com/UCCERT

For more information call 510-632-3473 ext. 1721

Or Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/UCCERT

Here are some upcoming CERT and Community trainings:

Wednesday, October 12, 2022  Earthquake Preparedness
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2022  Access and Functional Needs
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

All training subject to change based on speaker availability.

All Wednesday trainings will be held via video conference unless otherwise specified.

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICES REGISTRATION

Union City’s award-winning Community and Recreation Services department provides recreation and leisure services to our entire community. Registration is now open for fall and winter activities for the entire family.

EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

Sales Tax:

Purchases of essential items like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from the voter approved sales tax. This exemption for essential purchases is automatically applied at the point of sale to qualifying items. No application is needed to qualify for this exemption.

Utility Users Tax:

The voter approved utility users tax provides a full exemption from the cost for seniors and low-income residents. This exemption requires an application to qualify. To learn more about the exemption or apply for the exemption email uutexemption@unioncity.org or call 510-675-5417.

UNION CITY RECYCLES!

Recently, the City Council approved the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance to implement new State law (California’s Organics Reduction and Recycling Law or SB 1383), which took effect on January 1, 2022.

All residents and businesses are now required to separate compostable (organic) materials such as food scraps, food soiled paper and yard trimmings for compost collection service. SB 1383 is part a statewide strategy to reduce methane gas emissions and address climate change by ensuring recyclable and compostable materials are recovered instead of sent to landfills.

For more information and free technical assistance and resources to help comply with SB 1383, please visit UnionCityRecycles.org or email Info@UnionCityRecycles.org

PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS

In early 2022, traffic signal hardware at approximately 60 of the City’s intersections were upgraded to improve capabilities and functionality.

By years end, four additional traffic intersections will have improved pedestrian and bicycle detection technology integrated into their systems. With the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan updated, the City began making improvements to its bicycle network with new buffered bike lanes on Dyer Street. There are five to eight new buffered bike lane miles planned to begin construction in 2023.

By summer of 2023, the Public Works Department will have over 15.5 lane miles of newly paved roads, eliminating potholes and rough conditions for all road users.

UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN 2022–2026

The Union City Police Department (UCPD) updated their five-year strategic plan to develop innovative solutions and best practices in the delivery of law enforcement services.

The plan aligns community priorities with department direction to accomplish community goals. The effort included extensive community and department outreach, which gave the final plan credibility and support.

The plan includes recommendations for:

1) Accountability and Transparency
2) Hiring and Training
3) Mental Health and Social Services
4) Community Policing

As the City and UCPD continue the implementation of this plan, ongoing community input will be necessary.

Learn more about the department, visit https://www.unioncity.org/197/Police