



from the mayor

I'd like to start off this letter by sending my thoughts and prayers to the people of Maryland Heights, Bridgeton and especially the people of Joplin. Over these past few months, Mother Nature has unleashed her fury upon Missouri and caused millions of dollars in damage and shattered lives and communities. In due time, these communities will rebound from the destruction stronger than before with community bonds that can never be destroyed. I'm pleased to share with you that the City of Union was able to send a crew of 4 City employees to assist in the search and rescue. Once again, I'd like to express how proud I am of these City employees and their desire to help their fellow Missourians.



In April, the City of Union proposed a sales tax increase of ½ % for the development of the park property the City purchased along Progress Parkway and the maintenance of current park property. Unfortunately, this proposal was not passed. By using a sales tax as a vehicle to develop the park, we capture those people outside the city limits that utilize our parks and do not pay property taxes. The Board of Aldermen and I are committed to the development of this project and the park system here in Union. We believe, as a Board, that an established and well maintained park system increases the quality of life for our citizens of ALL ages. Kevin Arand, Union Parks Director, and his staff, have worked tirelessly over the past couple of years to catch up with maintenance issues in the parks and to expand programming offerings.

One reason for the City's need for more parks is the U.S. Census Bureau released their population figures and Union now has a population of over 10,000. Our population now sits at 10,204. So, our needs for more ball fields, soccer fields, walking trails, etc. are growing and will continue to grow in the years to come.

Also with growth comes construction, and we have it happening all over town. A larger water line has recently been installed along sections of Main Street in preparation of our Main Street project. Construction continues on the expansion of the Denmark Road Sewage Treatment Facility and lift station along Highway 47 South. In 2013, Denmark Road from Progress Parkway to St. Andrews Drive is scheduled for widening and the possible installation of sidewalks. I ask you to please drive carefully and keep an eye out for construction workers.

As always, City Board of Aldermen meetings and Committee meetings are open to the public and your input is always appreciated and welcome...this is YOUR city.

Mike Livengood



Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor

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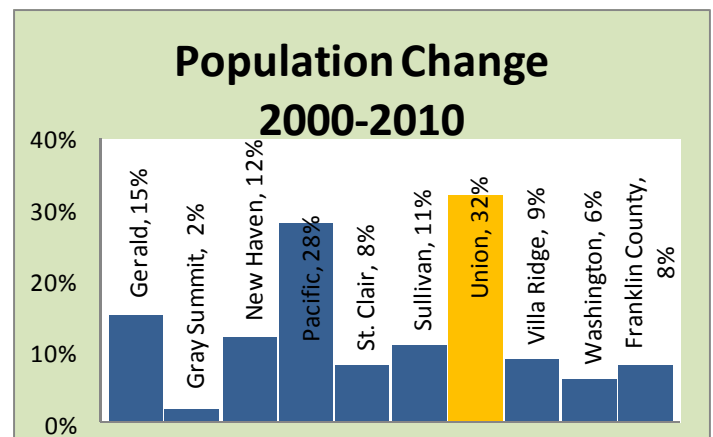
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Here we GROW

Over the past 10 years, the City of Union has experienced a 32% increase in population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 Census. Union's population, as of 2010, is 10,204, making Union Franklin County's fastest growing community.





All events are at the Main park by the large pavilion and FREE to the public unless otherwise noted.

August 5 • 6:30pm-9:30pm
Family Night Concert Series featuring *Back Stage Pass*

August 12 • 8:00pm-10:30pm
Family Luau at the Union Swimplex—\$6/pp

August 19 • 8:00pm / dark
Lawn Chair Movie Night featuring *"Despicable Me"*

Sept 9 • 6:30pm-9:30pm
Family Night Concert Series featuring *Fanfare*

Sept 16 • 8:00pm / dark
Lawn Chair Movie Night featuring *"Toy Story 3"*

Sept 24 • 8:00am-2:00pm
Fall Flea Market—\$15 booth fee

Sept 24—6:00pm-1:00am
1st Annual Dinner, Comedy Show & Dance. Union City Hall. Tickets on sale now for \$35/pp—Must be 21 to attend

More info at
www.unionmissouri.org
or Call 636-583-8471



Department Focus



The **City of Union Engineering/Building Department** has a range of responsibilities; many of which can affect the City for years into the future. The three people who make up the Department are responsible for building code enforcement, project planning (infrastructure), planning and zoning and many "other duties as assigned."

The Engineering Department is made up of three individuals and they are lead by Jonathan Zimmermann, City Engineer, a Union High School graduate who attended East Central College then University of Missouri – Rolla and has been employed by the City since 2000. Jonathan is a Licensed Missouri Engineer.

Kevin Scheer, Building Inspector, has been with the City for approximately 17 years, beginning in the Public Works Department. Kevin has been in the position of Building Inspector since 2003 and has attended numerous courses to stay fresh of the many changes in the area of construction. In addition to reviewing submitted engineer/architectural drawings, Kevin must inspect buildings during construction and upon completion; this also includes larger retail and industrial buildings.

Donna Kossmann has been with the department for 11 years as Engineering Assistant and processes all incoming permits (flood, building, excavating, water/sewer), issues water meters, schedules building inspections and inputs data as needed.

As City Engineer, Jonathan must anticipate the City's growth for several years out and coordinate with various regional, state and federal governmental entities and agencies to secure funding. These projects can be a wide range of infrastructure needs, such as; upgrading of the City's sewer system, replacement of water lines and, most importantly, major transportation needs. Jonathan attempts to stretch the City's dollar as far as possible by accessing funds from other agencies, such as East-West Gateway Council of Governments in St. Louis, our regional transportation funding agency. One project that featured funding from several different agencies was the widening of Highway 50. Fifty percent was funded by MODoT, while the remainder was funded by grants sponsored by East West Gateway, Franklin County Government and the City of Union. Other projects that have been the responsibility of the City Engineer in the past 10 years have been the expansion of the two Union sewage treatment facilities, and the Washington Avenue and Church Street improvement projects.

As you can see, the Engineering/Building Department has a talented, devoted and competent staff which will keep our growing community prepared for tomorrow.

If you have a question or would like to speak to Donna, Kevin or Jonathan in the Engineering/Building Department, please do not hesitate to call 636-583-1805.



Engineering / Building Department
Jonathan Zimmermann, Donna Kossmann, Kevin Scheer (left to right)

CITY OF UNION Farmers' Market

It's the middle of the week and the family has been eating leftovers and dinners out of a cardboard box. What can you do to bring a fresh, local and

nutritious spin to your evening meals with your family? A visit to the Union Farmers' Market on Wednesday afternoon may just be the key. The Farmers Market is located in the parking lot across from City Hall and is open Wednesdays 3:30pm to 5:30pm and every Saturday April thru October, 6:00am to 11:00am.



Lindsay Window & Door LLC

"Saving America's Energy"

Homeowners and construction companies all over the Midwest have one thing in common; they both want the highest quality windows for new home construction and/or replacement. Lindsay Windows has been producing the highest quality new construction and replacement vinyl windows in the Midwest since 1947 and right here at their Union facility since 2002.

Lindsay Windows and Door, LLC, began in 1947 as a family owned privately held company and over 60 years later, the company is still family owned and operated. The company has three manufacturing facilities in the Midwest with their headquarters in North Mankato, Minnesota, a facility in Albert Lea, Minnesota and their vinyl window facility in Union.

Owners John Roise and his son, Geoff, attempt to give the customer the best product available at affordable prices while bringing a faith based business approach; from their interaction with employees to the countless hours volunteering around the globe on Christian missions. Lindsay Windows also proudly support community programs in Union and Franklin County.

John Roise purchased the company in 1989 due to his love of being an entrepreneur and wanting to have an opportunity to fulfill his four goals of business: sharing your faith; helping people needing a second chance; speaking out on social issues; and taking mission trips. All of which John could not do as a bank president with Wells Fargo.

When John purchased the business, most windows were still made of wood and only a small percentage of windows were made with vinyl. Nowadays, vinyl windows are the standard in the window industry due to its ability not to warp or rot or require staining. All windows meet or exceed the energy standards of the Energy Star program.

To keep costs down to the customer, Lindsay Windows has joined Earthwise Group, LLC with 13 other regional window manufacturers in an effort to purchase bulk material and also to discuss concentrated efforts in areas of testing, operations, product development and marketing.

The Union facility is a paperless factory in which all orders and all correspondence is done digitally. Lindsay Windows is very proud that they recycle every cardboard box and all scrap vinyl and glass. As a matter of fact, Lindsay Windows recycles 100% more than they did just three years ago.

If you are considering a remodeling project or are considering constructing a new home, please consider purchasing Lindsay Windows and supporting our local economy and a company that uses 99% American made material.

LINDSAY WINDOW INC.

of Employees
25

Size of Facility
25,000 square feet

Market
Kansas, Missouri, Iowa
and Illinois

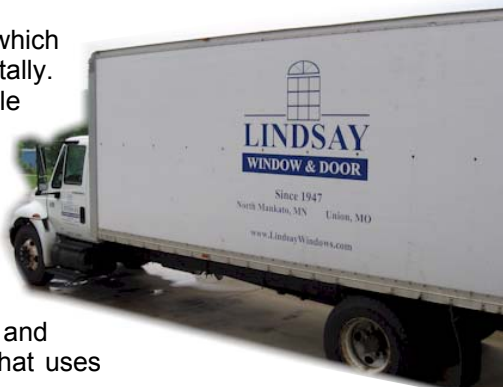
Located to Union
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In 2010, Lindsay Window manufactured over 17,000 white vinyl windows at their Union facility.



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city elected officials

Municipal Judge **A. David Arand**

City Collector **Terry Copeland**

departmental listing

City Administrator **Russell Rost**

City Clerk **Jonita Copeland**

Chief of Police **Norman Brune**

City Engineer **Jonathan Zimmermann**

Community Development Director **Joseph A. Graves**

Finance Director **Heather Keith**

Parks and Recreation Director **Kevin Arand**

Public Works Director **Harold Lampkin**

web site

www.unionmissouri.org

 [Facebook.com/CityofUnionMo](https://www.facebook.com/CityofUnionMo)

cable access

Charter Cable Channel 117.3 or

Digital 993 — Union City Access Channel

City Volunteers Lend a Hand

On Sunday evening, May 22nd, 2011, a powerful EF5 tornado tore a path of destruction through the heart of Joplin, Missouri, taking with it the lives of 155 and forever changing the lives of thousands more.

To assist in the cleanup efforts days after the catastrophe, four volunteers from the staff of the City of Union, Kevin Scheer-Building Inspector, Harold Lampkin-Public Works, Paul Kampmann and Chris Fischer from the Street Department (pictured below) joined in the cleanup effort. For three long and challenging days the volunteers searched through debris to rescue possible victims and to make streets passable for emergency vehicles.

Because of their hard work, the four volunteers were recently recognized by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.

If you see these four brave men around town, please make an effort to thank them for their unselfishness and their desire to help our fellow Missourians in their time of need.

