



talk of the town



Mayor

Robert Schmuke • 314-808-3056

Board of Aldermen

Ward I

Amanda Sullivan • 314-920-9923

Brian Pickard • 636-667-9790

Ward II

Robert Marquart • 636-584-8880

Barbara E. Laberer • 636-584-9631

Ward III

Paul Arand • 636-262-7953

Dennis Soetebier • 636-584-9309

Ward IV

Tom Strubberg • 636-675-3838

Karen Erwin • 314-378-0958

**Board of Aldermen
meetings are
held on the
2nd Monday
of each month at
6:30pm at City Hall.**

Holiday Schedule

Feb 21	Presidents' Day
Apr 15	Good Friday (closing at noon)
May 30	Memorial Day
Jun 20	Juneteenth Observed
July 4	Independence Day

from the mayor

Hello citizens of Union,

I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays and celebrate the New Year with family and friends.

The City continues to see tremendous growth with our recent Census data reporting 12,348 residents as of 2020. While we are pleased with the increase in our population, we are dedicated to preserving our small-town character and sense of community. An important part of this process is updating the City's comprehensive plan. I invite you to participate in the online survey and public workshops we have scheduled this spring.

In the coming year, the City has a number of projects that will soon be underway that will improve the community. This spring, construction will begin on the bridge to replace the Denmark Road low water crossing at Birch Creek. This will be the City's final bridge replacement project and will be a great improvement to the area. The crossing will be closed during construction, please be patient while crews complete their work.

Downtown, construction on the park project dedicated by Bob Hansen is set to begin. The new plaza will offer residents and visitors a unique place to sit, relax, and visit downtown Union. We are looking forward to utilizing this space for various activities through the Parks Department and partnering with local organizations.

Regionally, the City continues to push for improvements to Highway 47, particularly in traffic management and improvements to make the roadway safer.

As the warmer weather arrives, get outside and enjoy our community. From the parks to the college, there is something for everyone in Union.


Robert L. Schmuke

Mayor Robert Schmuke




COMMUNITY Calendar

Feb 12	Valentine's Comedy Show
Mar 5	Rummage Sale
Mar 8	ECC Band Concert
Mar 25	ECC French Masterworks Performance
Apr 9	Kite Fest 1-4pm (Rain Date Apr 10)
Apr 15	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
April 21-24	ECC Theatrical Performance: "PUFFS"
April 28	ECC Funky Butt Brass Band
Apr 29	Electronics Recycling Event
May 3	ECC Choir Concert
May 5	ECC The Director's Showcase
May 6	ECC Pops Concerts



More East Central College events at:
eastcentral.edu/event-calendar/
 Purchase ECC Theatre tickets at ecctheatre.com



Union Parks & Recreation

636.583.8471
unionmissouri.org/uprd
 UnionPRD

May 6	Concert in the Park— <i>Rewind</i>
May 14	Free Fishing Derby for Kids—Union City Lake
May 20	Lawn Chair Movie Night—'Peter Rabbit 2'
Jun 4	Founder's Day
Jun 17	Lawn Chair Movie Night—'Tom and Jerry'
Jul 3	Union Fireworks Festivities at Veterans Memorial Park featuring <i>8-Track</i>
Jun 9-12	Franklin County Fair
Jul 15	Lawn Chair Movie Night—'Raya and the Last Dragon'
Jul 21-24	ECC "Miracle on 34th Street" the Musical
Aug 5	Concert in the Park— <i>Brothers Dickson</i>
Aug 19	Lawn Chair Movie Night—'Encanto'
Sep 2	Concert in the Park— <i>Crossfire</i>
Sep 16	Lawn Chair Movie Night—'Sing 2'

YARDWASTE PICKUPS

Place yard waste at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

January 12
 February 9
 March 9
 April 6, 13, 20, 27
 May 4, 11, 18, 25
 June 2, 8, 15, 22
 July 13, 27
 August 10, 24
 September 14, 28
 October 5, 12, 19, 26
 November 2, 9, 16, 23
 December 14, 28

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

- Limit of two items
- Last regular trash pickup day each month.

TRASH & RECYCLABLES PICKUP SCHEDULE

Waste Connections will observe the following six national holidays:

- New Years Day (Saturday)
- Memorial Day—closed, collection delayed 1 day
- Independence Day—closed, collection delayed 1 day
- Labor Day—closed, collection delayed 1 day
- Thanksgiving Day—closed, collection delayed 1 day
- Christmas Day (Sunday)

Holidays which fall during the week will only affect collections after the holiday. Please remember all trash pickups prior to the holiday will remain on the regular schedule.



CHANGES TO FARMERS MARKET

The Union City Market will open for the 2022 season on April 22nd at its **new location** in Parking Lot B of East Central College.

The market will be open the 2nd and 4th Fridays, 4pm-8pm.

Market Days:

April 22	July 8, 22
May 13, 27	Aug 12, 26
June 10, 24	Sept 9

Come by and shop fresh produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, and grab dinner from a food truck.

unionmissouri.org/market



Chief Andrew O. Parker and Cpl. Tommie Lowe

Officer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Cpl. Tommie Lowe on being the 2021 recipient of the Union Police Department's Officer of the Year Award.

Each year an officer is recognized for their dedication in serving the community and citizens of Union and who shines in their performance of their duties. This year four officers were nominated by their fellow officers. It says a lot about the Union Police Department to have such dedicated and deserving officers serving the community.

Officer Lowe is assigned to East Central College and performs his duties with a positive attitude and a willingness to step up when needed. He is quick to answer calls and goes above and beyond by assisting with special assignments and investigations.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Union is seeking public feedback as it reviews and updates its comprehensive plan. Workshops were held in November and December with elected officials, city staff, stakeholders and citizens. The next step is to reach out to a wider audience through online surveys.

You can share your vision for the City and reflect on what a high quality of life will mean for future generations in the City of Union.

The Comprehensive Plan serves as the basis for economic development, residential growth and improvements to ensure a vibrant community for residents and businesses.

You can complete the online survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnionCompPlanSurvey>



TAKE THE SURVEY

Are you Recycling Wrong?

Acceptable Items



The City of Union and Waste Connections would like to remind residents about what is and is not acceptable to place in your recycle bins.

Refer to the illustration on the left.

All containers need to be rinsed and free from food and liquids, including water.

Substances like grease, food particles, and unrecyclable materials attached to recyclable materials are forms of contamination. That one pizza box might contribute to the entire truckload of recyclables being rejected and sent to the landfill.

A handy recycling guide or "Waste Wizard" can be found at www.wasteconnections.com.

Residents are asked to call City Hall at 636-583-3600 if you have an issue with your trash or recycling collection, missed pickups, etc.

talk of the town

Union City Hall

10 E. Locust Street • Union, MO 63084

Phone: 636-583-3600 • Fax: 636-583-4091

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 20
Union, MO
63084

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Judge..... A. David Arand

City Collector Eric Schmuke

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

City Administrator Jonathan Zimmermann

Assistant City Administrator..... James Schmieder

City Clerk Jonita Copeland

Chief of Police Andrew Parker

City Engineer..... JD Kelley

Finance Director Heather Keith

Parks and Recreation Director Chad Pohlmann

ONLINE

www.unionmissouri.org

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

COVER PHOTO

Winter Sunset at Clearview Park

By Wanda Parsons

We've got the Rooftops



Union's affordable housing stock and new residential developments are fueling the City's double-digit population growth. Union continues to hold the top spot as the fastest growing city in Franklin County.

The City has seen an impressive population growth of 21% since the 2010 census, growing from 10,204 to 12,348. And, if you go back to 2000, you'll see a whopping 59% growth rate.

While Washington remains the most populated city at 14,500, its growth has been slow and steady at 4% since 2010. Pacific has grown 6%, while Sullivan and St. Clair each have lost 2% and 1% respectively. Franklin County has grown 3%, from 101,492 to 104,682.

In 2021, the City issued 138 new residential building permits. This includes 38 single family *detached* homes and 100 single family *attached* homes. Many of these homes are located in new subdivisions, including Springfield Heights, Main Street Heights and Park Place.

Hummingbird Heights, an apartment complex off of Denmark Road, accounts for 76 of the new permits.

Housing and economic development are inextricably connected. **The availability of affordable housing is essential to the region's ability to retain and attract business and jobs.** Also, housing increases the demand for retail and other services.

Utilizing ESRI mapping tools approximately 50,000 people live within a 15-minute drive time of Prairie Dell Centre. Within that same 15-minute drive time, there are approximately 21,000 housing units (rooftops). So when **retailers tell the city, 'Show me the rooftops.'** we can show the rooftops. But obviously rooftops are only part of the equation. Many factors are considered, such as consumer lifestyle characteristics and income. Also, the availability of affordable land can be a roadblock to some.

While the City continues to seek out more retail, restaurant and services, **we ask you to support our existing small businesses and shop local when you can.**

 **IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN SHOP ANYWHERE SHOP LOCAL** 