

# Sharing In Success



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## Welcome American Plastics Group to Union, MO!

After months of negotiation, the City of Union Community Development Department is very pleased to announce a new industry has chosen Union as its home. American Plastics Group will be moving manufacturing from Ottawa, Kansas and headquarters from Wentzville, Missouri. American Plastics Group is a family owned company. "The Hall family has been a complete joy to work with these past few months, and I look forward to assisting American Plastics Group for years to come," said Joseph A. Graves, Director of Community Development.



In early February, American Plastics Group purchased the business and building of Chris Kaye Plastics located on West Park Avenue. In addition to keeping former Chris Kaye employees, American Plastics Group has added approximately 30 employees with plans to increase that number as ordered plastic injection molding machines arrive. Once employees are properly trained, American Plastics Group will seek plastic injection contracts, in addition to manufacturing their own products. Due to an increase in interest of their products, American Plastics Group is running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. American Plastics Group's largest retail customers are Wal-Mart, Target, PetSmart and Lowe's.

Due to hiring a minimum of 20 employees, paying the average county wage and paying 50% of the healthcare costs of their employees, American Plastics Group has qualified for Missouri Quality Jobs, a tax credit incentive designed to create jobs for Missourians. "The jobs created by the Hall family are "family supporting" jobs with a great benefit package and are not minimum wage jobs. These are the type of good paying jobs communities nationwide are competing so fiercely for," added Mr. Graves.

Buddeez, Incorporated, a division of American Plastics Group, has been producing plastic container products since 1992 with the introduction of, "The Bread Buddy Fresh Bread Dispenser." The "Bread Buddy" product and other Buddeez products have appeared on ABC's Good Morning America and in Good Housekeeping magazine.

Once the owners produce stock inventory, they will turn their attention to renovating the 114,000 square foot facility inside and out. This includes the construction of a rail spur laid by neighboring P&A Drywall, but will be utilized by American Plastics Group to receive plastic pellets.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for early May to properly welcome the Hall family and American Plastics Group to our community; so, keep your eye on future "Sharing In Success" newsletters to get more information.



Find out more about Buddeez products at [www.buddeez.com](http://www.buddeez.com).

### Upcoming Events

**March 25, 2007 • 1:00pm—4:00pm**  
Retirement Celebration

**Mayor Glenn W. Van Leer (1985-2007)**  
Ceremonies begin at 1:00pm followed by an open house until 4:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

**March 29, 2007 • 3:00pm—6:00pm**  
Retirement Celebration

**Chief of Police, Don Fowler (1970-2007)**  
Come by anytime between 3:00 and 6:00pm.  
Refreshments will be served.

Events will be held at:  
Union City Hall  
500 E. Locust Street  
Union, Missouri  
(636) 583-3600

The City of Union is still accepting donations.  
Contact Nancy Kossmann, City Clerk, at 636.583.3600

"Union, MO...The Possibilities Are Endless"