

**VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE
NEWSLETTER
2011**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR COUNCIL
and their respective committees.**

DEAN HARTMAN: PRESIDENT (Zoning Officer,
Fireboard Chairman, Building & Equipment)

TOM YOUNG: PRESIDENT PRO-TEM (Traffic
& Police, Budget, Fireboard)

DAVID VANHOVE: TRUSTEE (Parks, Sanitary
Officer, Insurance)

DALE HARTMAN: TRUSTEE (Streets &
Sidewalks, Utilities, Sanitary Officer)

DALE HERMAN: TRUSTEE (Utilities, Wages,
Budget)

CONNIE SY: TRUSTEE (Parks, Wages, Insurance)

CHRISTINA MATTHEWS: TRUSTEE (Streets &
Sidewalks, Building & Equipment, Traffic & Police)

CAROLE GANGLER: CLERK

LAURA LEE LESKOWICH: DEPUTY CLERK

LEILA RISH: TREASURER

DPW: DAVID YODER: (Supervisor)

BRENT VERMEERSCH: (Assistant)

POLICE DEPT: PAUL STRASZ (Chief)

LYNN POKORSKI (Officer)

DEREK JOY (Officer)

ASHLEY DEMING (Officer)

The Village of Unionville has employed an additional police officer. Officer Ashley Deming is a resident of the village and we welcome him to our staff. All village police officers work on a part-time basis and Officer Deming will now be added to the rotation of officers on duty.

The Village of Unionville now has a mutual aid agreement with the Village of Sebawaing for police protection. This agreement is limited to support in case of an emergency.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD: Ed Spannagel (Supervisor), Christine Kolar (Clerk), Christine Parmenter (Treasurer), Mike Finlay (Trustee), and Kathy Trischler (Trustee). Township board meets every 3rd Monday of the month.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY:

KAY MONTEI (Librarian)

Columbia Township has received a grant to automate the library and the staff is in the process of bar coding all books. This should be completed around October or November of this year. The library is seeking donations for a Libri Grant. This grant will match 3 to 1 for the purchase of children's books. At the August election, the voters of Columbia Township approved one mill to help finance the library.

ACW-UNIONVILLE FIRE DEPT:

RAY STRIETER (Chief)

BILL OWENS (Assistant Chief)

The ACW-Unionville Fire Dept. has purchased a Thermal Imaging Camera during this past year. This camera is capable of searching a smoke filled building for victim and will be a valuable asset in rescue operations. An added feature is that it can prevent unnecessary damage to a building. Christina Parmenter (Columbia Township) is the new clerk for the ACW-Unionville Fire Department and Leila Rish (Village of Unionville) will remain as the department's treasurer.

BUDGET: Due to State Revenue cuts, the Village of Unionville is facing the same problems as other communities. The village faces the challenge of providing the same services to the community as we have done in the past with less revenue. This year many projects were cut from the budget due to lack of funds. Barring any unforeseen expenditures the Village of Unionville is working with a balanced budget for 2011-2012.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Those appointed to this department are David VanHove and Connie Sy (Council Members), Kevin Vermeersch, (Nonresident) Laura Zuzga, (Resident) Brent Vermeersch, (DPW) and Jeff Anker (Little League Member), with one position open. This department meets and makes recommendations to village council for any improvements or any changes that they may foresee for the park

STREET AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE: One block of Cass Street was resurfaced this year along with Marvin Street south from Phelps to the end. 210 feet of sidewalk was replaced on Cass Street.

TREE REMOVAL: The street and sidewalk committee along with the DPW Supervisor will continue to inspect trees within the village to insure public safety. Please report to the village office any tree that you feel is a danger to the public.

PARK: The village has added horseshoe pits on the east end of the park and a volley ball pit on the west end of the park this year. Both were inexpensive additions and should prove to be enjoyable.

PARK PATH: AGAIN NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PATH with the exception of vehicles used by the DPW personnel doing routine maintenance or disabled persons using an Amigo. The village has allowed a golf cart or two during the tournament for individuals with difficulty walking, but only with permission. If you feel you need to use a golf cart during

tournament time please contact the village office for permission.

VANDALISM IN VILLAGE PARKS: Each year the village has had to deal with vandalism in the park at a tremendous cost to village taxpayers. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children and should be aware of the penalty involved. The fine for vandalism is \$1,000 plus restitution for any damage done.

VILLAGE CURFEW: Village Ordinance-Sec. 14-241 states it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to loiter or remain in or upon any streets, alleys or public places in the village between the hours of 11pm of any day and 6am of the day following. Article 14-243 further states that it is unlawful for any parent, guardian, or other person having the legal care and custody of any minor under the age of 18 years to allow said minor to remain on streets during this time.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Jeff Anker, Little League President, states that Little League memory bricks continue to be on sale and applications may be obtained at the village office or from Jeff Anker. The combination press box/concession stand has been completed by the Little League Association. This entire project was financed by the Little League and is now a beautiful addition to the park. In the past Little League has financed an additional ball diamond, batting cage, score-board, memorial path, dugouts, player bench, and fencing. A huge THANK YOU to all involved in financing these projects. The Little League Association is looking for interested parties to take over the officer positions for the next season. If interested call Jeff Anker at 674-2186

EVENTS: The Unionville Summer Fest was held in the downtown area again this year. A car show sponsored by D & J Garage and Deal or No Deal was enjoyed by all. Mike Remar was the official DJ for the day and helped guide the public to the many available events. There were 44 vendors displaying their wares this year and the beautiful weather helped to bring in the crowd. A thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their property to hold this event. A special thanks to all who participated and helped to make this a huge success.

ANNUAL BALL TOURNAMENT: This tournament drew a large crowd again this year. The village had 50 campsites available this year and all of them were filled. If you enjoy watching some excellent ball games, this is the place to be for one weekend of the year. This weekend seems to be a reunion of sorts. People come back to their hometown either to play ball or as a spectator. The

past few years the tournament has included several women's leagues and again some great ball games.
STORM SEWERS: A section of storm sewers was repaired along Phelps Street. Another section on Phelps Street is earmarked for repair next year.

EQUIPMENT: A portable generator was purchased in this past year as a protection against a power outage, especially for the water wells. Two picnic tables were purchased for the park.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: The DPW inspects the lagoons on a daily basis along with the pump station. The lagoons are also inspected by the DEQ on an annual basis. The Village of Unionville passed all inspections.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT: This year the #2 well had a problem, it was necessary to pull the pump for repairs, and the well relined. This was rather an unexpected and expensive project. When these emergencies occur, it puts a strain on a yearly budget that is already strained to the max.

WATER LEAK FACTS: If your water bill seems high check immediately for leaks in your system. A dripping faucet or other unsuspected leaks may be the cause of a high bill. A 1/32" leak wastes 170 gallons in 24hrs. A 1/16" leak wastes 970 gallons in 24hrs and a 1/8" leak wastes 3600 gallons in 24hrs. Leaks can be very expensive!!!

LEAF BUNKER: **ABSOLUTELY NO BRUSH IS ALLOWED IN THE LEAF BUNKER!**

This was built for leaves only. Brush has a tendency to create a foul odor and also plugs the tail of the dump truck when leaves are hauled. Brush can and should be placed at the curb for chipping or taken to the village dump on Gotham Rd.

LEAVES: Please be considerate of your neighbors if you decide to burn your leaves. Many people suffer with asthma or other breathing problems and the burning of leaves is a severe health issue.

CHIPPING of brush is done between April 1st and November 1st. during the first week of each month or as the need arises.

WEB SITE: You can access the village web site at www.unionvillemi.com. You will find village minutes and coming events posted on the web. A Citizen's Guide and Performance Dashboard have been added to the web this year. You will find useful information about your village on the web site. **CHECK IT OUT!** Because we no longer post items in a local newspaper, all-important information is posted on this web site.

FIRE HYDRANTS: The hydrants are flushed in the spring and again in the fall. The hydrants will be flushed during the week of September 12th this year. The village residents are asked to check the community bulletin board and the village web site each spring and fall for village announcements pertaining to hydrant flushing. Residents are again cautioned that rust may appear in their water when hydrants are flushed.

UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Their board of directors consists of Leon Stecker, President: Judy Remar: Vice President: Connie Sy, Treasurer: Sherry Libracki, Secretary: Kay Reames, Bill Burrows and April Gremel, Board Members. The Community Association is constantly looking for new members. If you have the spare time and wish to help improve your community check this organization out. Meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the American Legion Hall. This committee has been very busy with the beautification of the Kemp Memorial Park. Memorial bricks continue to be purchased and installed in the park. We invite you to take a stroll on the memorial path and read the names of our many veterans. Bricks continue to be on sale for veterans. If you wish to purchase a memorial brick, you may contact Judy Remar or the village office. The committee is now working toward an automated community sign.

PETS: If you own a pet, you are responsible for any disturbance they may cause your neighbor. Be aware that complaints for excessive barking could result in a fine. The law requires that all pets must be confined in a yard or on a leash. Do not allow your pet to leave feces in or on your neighbor's property. This also includes the village parks, especially the walking path. Neither village employees nor your neighbor should have to clean up feces left by your pets.

BLIGHT ORDINANCE: The Village Police Chief is enforcing this law and violators are being fined. If you have a yard with accumulated junk, be aware you can be fined. A copy of this ordinance is available at the village office and at the Columbia Township library.

2010 CENSUS: The 2010 census has been completed and the count for Unionville is 508 residents. This is down from 605 at the 2000 census. Hopefully, with the new census the Village of Unionville will be eligible for grants and some stimulus money.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: The Village is recruiting board members to serve on this commission. At this time we have 4 volunteers. This board will meet four times each year. If you feel you would be interested in serving on this board please notify the village office.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES: Each month the minutes will be put on file at the Columbia Township Library, posted at the Unionville Post Office, posted outside of the Village Clerk's office, also published on the village web site. The council meets every 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm in the village conference room. Meetings are open to the public so feel free to sit in on any or all of council meetings.

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