

**VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE
NEWSLETTER
2009**

AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR COUNCIL and their respective committees.

DEAN HARTMAN: VILLAGE PRESIDENT (Zoning Officer, Fire-Board Chairman, Budget

MIKE GREMEL: PRESIDENT PRO-TEM (Streets & Sidewalk, Parks, Building & Equipment, Zoning)

KATHY HARE: TRUSTEE (Parks, Traffic & Police, Fire-Board member)

DALE HARTMAN: TRUSTEE (Traffic & Police, Utilities)

TOM YOUNG: TRUSTEE (Utilities, Wages & Insurance)

CONNIE SY: TRUSTEE (Budget, Wages, Insurance)

NICK SAKON: TRUSTEE (Street & Sidewalk, Building & Equipment)

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 (Occasional Officer)

- The Village of Unionville now has a mutual aid agreement with the Village of Sebawaing for police protection.

FIRE DEPT: EARL BAILEY (Chief)

RAY STRIETER (Assistant Chief)

RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: During the past year two council members chose to resign. Dave Duke, Village President resigned for personal reasons. Earl Bailey, Trustee resigned after moving out of the village limits making him ineligible to hold office. We thank them both for their dedicated service and wish them well.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Mike Gremel (Chairperson), Kathy Hare (Secretary), Jeff Anker, Brent Vermeersch, Tom Lenhard and Laura Zuzka.

STREET AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE: reports that sidewalk in front of the Post Office has been replaced and has been extended to Monroe St. 266 Ft. of sidewalk has also been replaced on Cass St.

TREE REMOVAL: No decision has been made as to which trees will be removed this year. 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 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. **PLEASE DO NOT PICK THE WILD FLOWERS IN THE PARK.** The village does not have the funds to reseed the flowers. Left alone they will reseed themselves.

VANDALISM IN VILLAGE PARKS: Each year the village has had to deal with vandalism in the park at a tremendous cost to village tax payers. 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, reports that the new score board in the park was donated by Meijers. Materials were donated by Zimmer Farms and labor for installation was provided by Mark and Mike Zimmer. Trenching was done by Wayne VanBevern with equipment provided by Power Comm Electric and posts donated by Kuhl Construction. The batting cage located next to the little league diamond was installed this year with funds donated by Michigan Baseball Foundation (Great Lakes Loons) and S C Johnson with the help of numerous volunteers. The dugouts have been spruced up with a fresh coat of paint by Pam Nitz, Linda & Ernie Cramer and Joyce Bohn. The Village of Unionville thanks the companies for their monetary donations and the volunteers for their time and labor. Little league memory bricks continue to be on sale and applications may be obtained at the village office or from Jeff Anker.

EVENTS: The Unionville Summer Fest was held in the downtown area again this year. The event was hampered by foul weather but did not dampen the spirit of the crafters as they returned the next day with a beautiful day to display their crafts. The Fashion Show was enjoyed by all. Lenore (Roller) Osborn narrated the program and took the audience back 130 years with the help of several models and a local choir along with many people behind the scenes to make the program a huge success.

ANNUAL BALL TOURNAMENT: This tournament drew a large crowd again this year. 1st place winners of the men's division include, (A) Independent Bank, (B) Biffs Bowling Bar, (C) Better Place to Live and (D) Papas Pizza. 1st place women's division winners include (A) Bay Side-Tietz Construction, (B) Cream of The Crop.

STORM SEWERS: Storm sewers along Cass St. were video inspected by Michigan Pipe Inspection and cleaned by Tri-County Vac. The inspection revealed numerous roots obstructing the flow of water. Storm sewers now appear to be doing their job.

EQUIPMENT: The Village of Unionville has purchased a new 2009 Ford F250 4x4 pick-up for the DPW. The old pick-up is still being used whenever necessary. The 1977 dump truck was put up for bids and sold for the highest bid of \$2752.

SEWER: Rip-rap was completed at the lagoons this past year and has passed inspection by the DEQ.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT: For the last few years Rural Development has highly recommended a rate increase. The village now has no other choice but to raise rates. You will notice an increase in your December billing. Maintenance fee will increase from \$18.00 to \$22.32 and the cost of water will increase from \$4.00 to \$4.27 per unit (1000 gallons).

LEAF BUNKER: PLEASE DO NOT PUT BRUSH 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 along with names of council members and their committees posted on this web site.

FIRE HYDRANTS: The hydrants have been flushed this spring and again this fall. The village has had no complaints of rust in water. The hydrants will be flushed at least once each year. Residents are again cautioned that rust may appear in their water when hydrants are flushed

UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Their board of directors consists of Judy Remar, President; Leon Stecker, Vice President; Connie Sy, Treasurer; Sherry Libracki, Secretary; Kay Reames, Bill Burrows and April Gremel, Board Members. This committee has been very busy with the beautification of the Kemp Memorial Park. Memorial bricks have been 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 brick you may contact Judy Remar or the village office. The date for next year's Summer Fest is Saturday August 07, 2010. Vendors will be allowed to set up on Friday August 6, 2010 after 3pm. A Christmas party will be held in the Kemp Memorial Park on December 05, 2009. There will be music along with Santa Clause with gifts for all of the children. At the present time the association is pursuing a statue for the Kemp Memorial Park in honor of our troops overseas. If you have not purchased a ticket for the money raffle you may still do so. Money will be given away each week between September and November 14. The group will continue to raise money with the idea of installing new light fixtures along the sidewalk in the downtown area. The committee has scheduled the annual town wide garage sales for the fifth weekend of July. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, you may call Judy Remar at (989) 551-0107.

THE ICE RINK: The ice rink will be in use again this year, WEATHER PERMITTING! When there is a heavy snow fall, the ice rink will only be cleared after all streets have been cleared. Volunteers to clean the ice rink are most welcome.

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.

NEW BLIGHT ORDINANCE: The Village now has a new blight ordinance in effect. The Village Police Chief will enforce this law and violators will be fined and or jailed. A copy of this ordinance is available at the village office and at the Columbia Township library.

2010 CENSUS: The Village will participate in the 2010 census and are seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact the village office at (989) 674-2244.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS: The village extends a warm welcome our new residents, which include Jason Skirlo, Kevin Sting, Judy Koch, Jessica VanHove, Grant Sting, Lorene Reich, Tracy Strieter and Stanislaw Mastela and the new Moravian minister, Pastor Trina Holmberg and her husband Ken.

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, and also published on the village web site. The council meets every 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm to familiarize themselves with the workings of the village and meetings begin at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public and the public is welcome to join the council at 6:30pm as they visit the wells, lagoons, water tower, pump station and tool shed.

