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A GREENER UNION GROVE

By: Timothy Mallach

DNR Grant

The Village of Union Grove received a grant of \$19,574.15 for the 2010 recycling program on behalf Governor Jim Doyle and Department of Natural Resources. The grant is based upon the total recycling costs for the municipality; including yard waste (leaves, brush, garden waste). The recycling program must meet the minimum requirements set by the state (tonnage per person based on population). In our case, for 2009, our standard/minimum was 82.40 pounds of recycling per person. Our recyclables, without the yard waste, totaled 337.5 tons. That's 148.38 pounds per person! Union Grove did a really great job!

We also collected an estimated 2.62 tons of tires, 12.88 tons of waste oil and 288.25 of yard waste - an additional 133.55 pounds per person.

Great Results!

Union Grove Graded School collected 876 pounds

of aluminum cans during a recent Can Drive. They raised over \$460.00, which was donated to the Union Grove Recreation and Parks Department! Not only did the children learn about recycling, they also learned about helping other organizations through their efforts.

Green Facts

- * Five 2-liter plastic PET bottles(#1) yield enough fiber for one extra-large T-shirt or one square foot of carpet. About 1,200 soda bottles could carpet the average living room. (Half of all polyester carpet manufactured in the United States is made from recycled plastic bottles.)
- * Wisconsin is the 19th state to pass a law mandating the recycling of e-waste (electronics). And remember, recycling is the law! Wisconsin passed a comprehensive recycling law that took effect in 1995. This law requires recycling by residents,



businesses, government, non-profits, multi-family units, schools, parks, public venues and events.

- * Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 10 gallons of oil.
- * Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!

We are always looking for Green Team volunteers. This is a great opportunity for Church groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or anybody else that wants to help maintain the flower beds in Union Grove. Help us to make Union Grove an inviting village to be proud of. Please call the village hall at 878-1818 if you would like to join our team.

Keep on recycling for a Greener Union Grove!

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN FROM MIKE AIMONE



June is here and summer is right around the corner. I'd like to first congratulate all the Union Grove area graduates. Whether you are graduating pre-school, middle school, high school or college, I am proud that you call Union Grove home. I wish you much success.

Speaking of success, as the village continues to evolve we need talented individuals that would like to join in by volunteering their time and talent for the following committees:

Planning Commission

This commission prepares and recommends to the village board a comprehensive plan of public improvements, looking to the future development of the village.

Community Development Authority

This committee is responsible for urban renewal projects in the village.

Zoning Board of Appeals

This board is responsible for hearing and deciding appeals and requests for variances on

current zoning ordinances.

In order for us to maintain a good balance it is necessary for us to reach out to the community of Union Grove and ask for help in identifying good candidates for these openings. If you are interested please call me at 995-3069.

I promised the editor of the newsletter that this quarter I'd keep my thoughts and comments to a minimum, as everyone is so busy this time of year. Well I hope that I have accomplished that challenge. If you have any questions or thoughts and would like further information, please feel free to give us a call. Or better yet, join us at any of the village and committee meetings. Information on times and dates and agenda items can be found on our local Channel 25, on our web site at www.uniongrove.net, or by calling Village Hall at 878-1818.

Have a great summer!

Mike



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

By: Mark Osmundsen

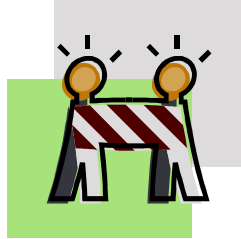
We are finally experiencing some beautiful weather, so it's time for a few reminders. With the warm and sunny weather comes yard work.



Please remember to put your brush curbside. Do not put brush or clippings in the street.

DPW does not pick up yard waste or grass clippings that are raked or dumped into the street. Our street sweeper does not pick this up. It is a violation to mow or put your grass clippings into the street. The citation comes with a \$105.00 fine, so please help us all keep our streets clean. (See municipal code below)

Street and Water Main Project



I have received a lot of questions regarding the timing of this project, and why we decided to do everything at the same time. It is much less expensive to do everything from water main replacement, curb repair and street paving at the same time. If we were to do this type of project street by street, it would have lasted the entire summer. We wanted to complete the project in a timely manner so that the residents of the village could have a peaceful mid-summer. One without the backhoes, dust and

street paving. By the end of June you should really see things shaping up. Thank you again for your understanding during this project. Have a great summer!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach Mark Osmundsen, Public Works Director at 878-1818, or email Mark at mosmundsen@uniongrove.net

Municipal Code for the Village of Union Grove

Sec. 86-36. Yard waste and grass clippings.

(a) *Yard waste.* All yard waste and garden clippings shall be cut to four-foot lengths and tied into bundles or shall be placed in open containers. Yard waste will be collected during the last full week of the month. (Will be picked up on the last Friday of the month March–November)

(b) *Grass clippings.* The village will not provide any disposal of grass clippings. A resident will have three options to handle grass clippings as follows:

- (1) Leave the clippings on the lawn.
- (2) Compost the grass clipping in his personal compost pile to be located in the back of his property, not near the street and not to be a nuisance to the neighbors.
- (3) Pay a private contractor for removal.

(Amdmt. of 12-8-03, § 1)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT ROUND UP

By: Kim Terpstra



I'd like to start out by thanking all of the coaches of T-ball, Coach

Pitch and Softball for their support and guidance this summer. The Recreation Department is looking forward to a great season, and without your help the program would not run. Look for soccer games to start in August. And remember, basketball registration for ages K-8th grade will be held in October.

Also a note to thank all of the people who donated and helped work on the new Kellogg's field and the old grade school park. If you have time, come out and watch a game or two there this summer and enjoy the beautiful new green space. The Rec. Dept. is planning on having other family activities at the park in the near future.

Programs brought to you by Shannon Malkasian, Community Room Assistant:

Tae Kwon Do

Sessions held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Youth ages 4-8 from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Ages 9 and up meet from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. \$80.00 per month. Child-care available during adult classes upon request. Please register at the Municipal Building.

Union Grove Spirit Team

A combination of Poms, Cheer & fun! We are working out the details to bring you session two of the Spirit Team. Please check the village website and Channel 25 for details.

Drum Circle



Fun, fun, fun...Come Drum!

Something the entire family can do together—all ages are welcome! Sessions are held in the Union Grove High School Band Room. Bring your own drum or use ours! Sessions will be held August–December on

every 1st & 3rd Tuesday from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. The cost is \$60.00 for 12 Classes or a family rate (3 or more with 1 adult signed up) of \$150.00/12. Register and pay at the Municipal Center at 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove.

Bicycle Rodeo



"Bicycling is more than balancing."

The Bicycle Rodeo is a family event to educate parents and children about the safety aspects of riding a bicycle. The Rodeo will be held on Saturday, July 17 at the High School parking lot. Please RSVP at 878-1818 so that we can get an approximate head count. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Shannon at 262-930-7704 to sign up to help. Watch Channel 25 and check out the website for further details to come.

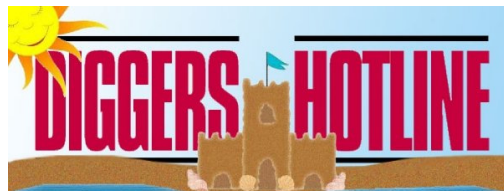
Zumba

Come and try the class that is taking the world by storm ~ your first class is free! Zumba summer workout sessions are held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Purchase a 10-session punch card for \$55 at the Municipal Center or at class. You are only charged for the nights that you attend. Classes held at Union Grove Elementary School. Call Corrine with questions at 262-748-7249.

For details on any of the Recreation Department's programs, please contact Kim Terpstra, Recreation Director, at 262-902-7917, or Shannon Malkasian at (262) 930-7704.

Email: kterpstra@uniongrove.net or smalkasian@uniongrove.net

Current Recreation Dept. information can always be found on the Village Website: www.uniongrove.net. Or check us out on Facebook/ Union Grove Parks and Recreation.



ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Diggers Hotline: Wisconsin's One-Call Center: Call 811 or (800) 242-8511

State Law requires that you contact Diggers Hotline by phone or online three working days before you disturb the soil. www.diggershotline.com

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF CZERNIAK

With warmer weather hopefully here to stay, the opportunity to finally get outside for yard work, clean up and recreation, I must remind of you of several things to be careful of. Spring and summer should be a fun time of the year as long as fire and emergency issues are taken into consideration.



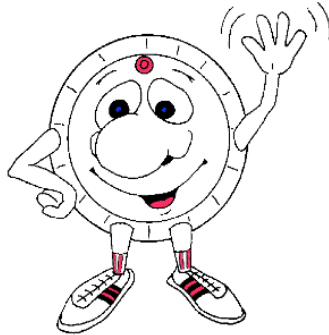
The increase of seasonal grilling and portable patio fire pits is very popular this time of year. Please enjoy them safely; away from combustible materials and significantly away from any other structures. Please consider wind conditions, other residences and the need for appropriate and responsible supervision.

As you proceed with yard clean up and the burning of yard debris, please remember that there are several rules that need to be adhered to within the Village.

- Be aware of acceptable (leaves, brush, vegetative debris, etc) and unacceptable (rubbish, garbage, oil, plastics, rubber, etc.) items that can and cannot be burned.
- Burning shall be from 9:00 a.m. to sunset or 7:00 p.m.
- Shall be at least 25 feet from any structure and 10 feet from the property line.
- Shall be constantly attended and extinguishment equipment readily available.

And please be aware of the burn ordinance to avoid any citations or dangerous situations.

As always, your smoke detector should be in good condition and the device itself should not be too old. If the device is older than 10 years, it is recommended that it be replaced. Be sure the batteries are



replaced and in good condition also. It's an inexpensive but necessary purchase that will only help if a situation ever develops in alerting you of the need to escape.

Our intern academy program has recently been completed by four individuals. These intern members can put their learned skills to work by attending our trainings, responding to alerts and learning our techniques and procedures. We benefit by maintaining an adequate roster as they are available to now respond to our increasing number of fire and EMS alerts.

The subcommittee for the new and much needed fire station is still hard at work. We have chosen Plunkett-Raysich Architectural firm to move forward in the development process. We recently met with them and are currently working to determine our needs and space assessment. Still early in the process, we know it takes time, commitment and openness; we welcome your involvement, ideas and support. It is my responsibility to keep you as up-to-date and informed as I can so please feel free to contact me at our station, where I typically spend mornings Monday through Friday. Our non-emergency number is 262-878-4181.

As I learn, I will share. I hope that we can all agree on the need and importance of this project. It will allow us long-term to continue saving taxpayer dollars by continuing to be a volunteer organization providing professional services at a great

savings to our own community.

As you see everywhere, road reconstruction in Union Grove is underway. Realizing that we are all affected, please understand that our need to respond is still of major importance, either responding to the station and/or to the scene in a rapid, safe way. We understand and appreciate the significance where seconds count and ask for your patience and indulgence as we work through the next few months of road construction.

Pull Over, Please

Non-yielding motorists make emergency calls hazardous not only to the responders but to the public as well.

I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our celebration of EMS Week by stopping at our station on Saturday, May 15th. Special thanks to those who donated food, beverages and props that made this event successful.

In closing, hope your family has a safe and enjoyable summer; be careful and be safe.



Proudly Serving the Community Since 1895.

BUSINESS OWNERS: ARE YOUR SIGNS COMPLIANT?

By: Ann Kerkman
Plan Commission / Chamber of Commerce President

The village is currently working on a new, updated sign ordinance. Have you checked if your business signs are in compliance with village ordinances? If you're not sure, please go to the village website's homepage (www.uniongrove.net) to review the current and proposed ordinances. A public hearing will be held on June 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Plan Commission member Owen Lackey stated, "Although it's coming out in

the form of an ordinance, it's more of a standard set to create the vision of Union Grove we all want to see". If your business is not within the Union Grove village limits, we ask that you check with your own local municipality ordinances. There are some state guidelines each municipality is required to follow, and some local guidelines each municipality can decide on. Of course we all want our businesses to look the best that they can, so now is a good time to check out your

signs. If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 878-1818. Let's all try to make our businesses as attractive and appealing as possible - a place of business we can all be proud of!

Sign Ordinance
Public Hearing

June 28, 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall

GREAT FITNESS BEGINS WITH A WALK

Walking is an ideal form of exercise for many reasons. You don't need special equipment to do it, it can be done by almost anyone, and you can do it almost anywhere! As an added bonus, there are numerous health benefits from starting a regular walking program:

Good for your heart: Walking regularly can result in a reduction of high blood pressure and high cholesterol, both of which contribute to heart disease.

Improves balance: This can help lower your risk of falls. This risk increases as we get older.

Strengthens bones and joints: Walking is easier on your joints than running or aerobics (which are high impact activities). It also reduces your risk for osteoporosis.

Weight control, more energy, better sleep: All benefits of a regular physical activity program.

Exercise Extra: Walking shouldn't hurt. If it does, see your family physician.



NOTES FROM THE CDA COMMITTEE

The Community Development Authority is pleased to announce new leadership. During the May meeting, the CDA members voted Michael Younglove as the new Chairperson of the committee. Kimberly Christman was welcomed back to the CDA as Vice-Chair. Former Chairperson, Gordon Svendsen, moved to the Executive Director position. The CDA believes that the new leadership assignments will allow us to continue to move our redevelopment efforts forward.

Michael Younglove is a newly elected Village trustee who has served on the CDA for several years. His knowledge of the CDA's past accomplishments will help as we work on future projects. Mike is a prac-

ticing attorney in the City of Racine.

Kim Christman rejoins the CDA after a three year absence to serve as a Village Trustee. Her past experience with the CDA, as well as her working knowledge of the Village will help to bring new and exciting ideas to the committee. Kim is a Cartographer for Racine County.

Gordon Svendsen served as the CDA chairperson for the past several years and has been a Village Trustee for 6 years. Gordon works for S & S Real Estate Appraisal Service in Union Grove.

The other members of the Community Development Authority are Mike Aime, Linda Hrupka, Teresa

Holm and Nancy Suhr.

There is currently a vacancy on the CDA. If you would be interested in serving on the CDA or other Village committees, please contact the Village at 878-1818 for additional information. You must be a village resident to serve.

The CDA meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month. We invite everyone in the community to attend. There is always time set aside at each CDA meeting for input from the community. We welcome any input from the community we serve.

"Building on our past for our future"



Community Development Workshop

Please join the CDA for a discussion about Financing Options, Business Improvement Districts, Tax Increment Financing Districts and a General CDA Update.

*Tuesday, July 20th
5:30 p.m. at the
Municipal Center
(925 15th Avenue)*

This email was sent in to let us know what a beautiful Main Street we have in Union Grove!

From: Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 6:51 AM

Subject: I love the cozy look you've created for Union Grove

Hi! I live in Racine but spend weekends in Twin Lakes. I always make sure I drive through Union Grove to see what new improvements are taking place. You've really created a cozy, inviting atmosphere which is a joy to see each week. My favorite part is the beautiful benches you've installed. They are so attractive!

A big fan from Racine,
Lisa

THE BOOKSHELF



Programs and classes offered at the Graham Public Library, 1215 Main Street in Union Grove. Call the library at 878-2910 for registration information. Visit our website at:

www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us

Children's and Family Programs



Toddler Time

Designed for the confident walker and a parent or caregiver. Toddler Time includes simple stories, songs, fingerplays and movement activities for the "active" set. Takes place on Wednesdays from 9:30-10 a.m. during the month of September. Pre-registration is required.

Summer Reading Program

Designed for pre-school through 12 years of age. This year's theme is "Make a Splash: READ!" Activities take place on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Union Grove Grade School in June and July. No registration required. The lineup of performers is as follows:

June 22

Uncle Mike, the Polka Player*

June 29

Steve Belliveau, Children's Science Spectacular*

July 6

Chris McBrien, Wild and Wacky Water Wonders

July 13

Curt Strutz, The Bassmeister: Children's Comedy*

*Storywagon performances sponsored by Lakeshores Library System.

Other performances sponsored by Graham Public Library donors and friends.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Attention book lovers! Like to discuss books with other avid readers? Library staff will select a "book of the month", and we will meet to discuss our ideas, interpretations, and opinions of the selected book. Although the book discussion group takes the summer months off, readers may register, check out, and read the next book over the summer to prepare for September's discussion. The book discussion group will meet on Monday, September 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. We will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer:

It is 1946, and London is emerging from under the shadow of World War II.

Writer Juliet Ashton is searching for the next subject for her book.

Who would ever imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she'd never met, living in Guernsey, the British island once occupied by the Nazis?

Crafter's Group

The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10 a.m. Whether your craft is scrap booking, greeting card making, model railroad or airplane building, fly tying, drawing or painting, whittling, needlework or other, you are cordially invited to join this friendly group for conversation, fun, and creative ideas to share. No registration is needed. All levels welcome.

Art Classes

"Landscape Painting"

Wednesday, June 30 from 6-8 p.m.

Class size is limited to 10.

"Christmas in July"

Monday, July 12 from 6-8 p.m.

Painting on Choice of Surfaces.

Class size is limited to 10.

Summer "Tees"

Thursday, July 22 from 6-8 p.m.

Fabric Painting

Participants are expected to bring their own T-shirts.

Class size is limited to 10.

All art classes are led by artist Lucky LaMeer. Registration and payment are required. \$10 fee per class includes all supplies.

Library Book Sale

Got books? The Graham Public Library, 1215 Main Street in Union Grove, is looking for used books, especially children's, in very good condition for its annual book sale. The library will not accept books that are musty, moldy, or in deteriorating condition.

The library's annual used book sale will run September 8-11, 2010. Hundreds of titles appealing to all ages are available. Book sale hours are Wednesday, September 8 from 5-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 9 from 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Friday, September 10 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. On Saturday, customers may fill a bag of books for only three dollars! (Bags are provided by the library). Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit the library.

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm

Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm

The library is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Spring is here with summer right around the corner. Now is the time to enjoy some outdoor events. And, The Chamber of Commerce has many planned for you.

American Dreams is the theme of this year's Independence Day Parade which will be held on Monday, July 5. It will begin at 9:15 am. The Parade will assemble in the parking lot of the Racine County Fairgrounds on Highway 11, go East and turn North on Hwy 45. The parade will end at Union Grove High School. There is no fee to participate in or to watch the parade, but donations are welcome to cover the parade costs. If you are a part of a community organization, church, business or want to advertise an upcoming event why not join the parade this year? You can make a float and compete for cash prizes. You can fill out a registration form online at www.uniongrovechamber.org or you can call 262-878-4606 for a form or additional information.



To register for the Children's Parade on July 5th - Please call First Banking Center at 878-0951 before July 3. On the day of the parade, parents can park in the First Banking Center back parking lot or on the

street in back of the bank. The Children's Parade will assemble at 8:45 am at the First Banking Center parking lot, go down Main Street (Hwy 45) and finish at Village Square Park. We will line up on the entrance to Main by the drive thru. Remember, small children should be accompanied by an adult.

Ahhhhhh - Sweet Corn - Racine County Fair - There is nothing like the taste of sweet corn roasted at the County Fair - July 28 - August 1. The Greater Union Grove



Area Chamber of Commerce will be selling roasted corn and sandwiches. A schedule of Events can be found and concert tickets may be purchased and printed on-line at www.racinecountyfair.com.

Event Calendar Information - Did you know that you can email Event Details to anyone from our Event Calendar as a reminder of the upcoming event? Just double click on the event on our calendar and set a reminder - 1, 2, 3 days or 1 week ahead of time. Call me if you need assistance at 262-878-4606.

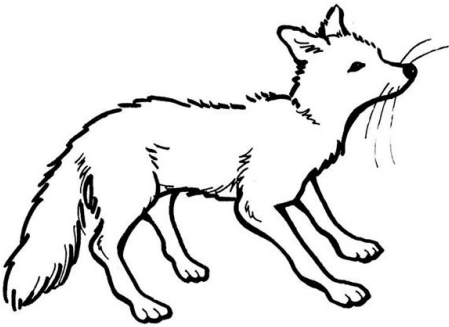
Leadership Union Grove is a community based program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and

partners dedicated to developing caring, concerned and committed leaders. It is a 9-month program and involves the student to be in attendance one Wednesday a month from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Class topics include an overnight Retreat, Volunteerism and Trusteeship, Government and Problem Solving, Media and Education, Health and Human Services, Law Enforcement, Business and Economic Development, a Joint Conference Day and Recreation and Quality of Life. If you would like more information about this program, feel free to call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 262-878-4606.

The Members of the Chamber of Commerce enjoy working in the Union Grove Area. They are here to serve you, the community. Please visit our website at www.uniongrovechamber.org and patronize these fine businesses.

The Leadership Union Grove program seeks to develop citizens with leadership potential, motivation and commitment to strengthen their skills, those of their sponsor, and the greater Union Grove community. The program is intended to develop leaders for the 21st century.

VILLAGE TIDBITS



Do Not Feed the Foxes

In an effort to prevent problems with the Red Fox, we are asking that all residents refrain from feeding the wildlife in our area. Occasionally fox, as well as other urban wildlife, become habituated to humans. Habituation can occur when the animals are fed either directly by humans or indirectly by animals feeding in garbage cans or on pet food left outside. Habituation of wildlife can lead to a loss of fear of humans and undesirable behavior that may include approaching too close to humans and pets, feeding from garbage cans or denning under a house.

In the spring, the fox may den underneath a porch or in a yard, while they are raising their pups. To reduce the chance of foxes becoming a nuisance, actively discourage red fox from visiting your property and reinforce their natural fear of humans. Follow these suggested actions to reduce the chance of negative interactions with red fox:

- DO NOT FEED THE FOXES!
- Secure garbage can lids.

- Feed pets indoors and do not leave pet food outside.
- Do not put meat scraps in compost pile.
- Keep outdoor BBQ grills clean and empty catch trays regularly
- Turn on outside lights .
- Remove bird feeders; fox will prey upon small rodents attracted by the bird feed on the ground.

If you have any questions or concerns about the red fox, please contact Robert Jagla, DNR Wildlife & Conservation Biologist at 414-263-8585. Or visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/publ/>

Dumpsters on Loan

The Village provides a 6-yard dumpster, free of charge, to residential (single family or duplexes) customers in the Village for light cleanup projects.

There are restrictions on what can be put in these dumpsters. They are designed for household items only (clothes, toys, furniture, etc). They are NOT to be used for any type of building materials (roofing, flooring, drywall, cabinets, doors, etc), car parts or yard waste. If you have that type of project, you will need to take care of the disposal yourself, either by hauling the items to the landfill, or by renting a commercial dumpster.

Signs

Signs are NOT ALLOWED on any light poles or flower planters in the Village of Union Grove! This includes rummage and garage sale signs, car wash signs, house for sale, etc. Please note that all signs posted on light poles or in planters will be removed and disposed of. Also, please remove your signs no later than one day after your sale or event.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's office at 878-1818.



BACK TO THE PAST "2" CAR SHOW

Brought to you by:
Maximum Security Systems
&
The Village of Union Grove

August 14, 2010, Rain or Shine

Downtown Union Grove; Main St./HWY 45

Free Registration starts: 10:00 - noon; Union Grove High School; lower parking lot

Free dash plaque for the first 150 vehicles

Show Hours 10 - 4 p.m.???

Main St. Cruise starts at 2:00 p.m.

For details Visit www.maxsecuritysys.com or contact:

Tiger - 262-939-2160

Liz - 262-878-1818

GRADE SCHOOL PARK FIELD OPENING CELEBRATION

By: Quinn Obermeyer

Mark your calendars for July 8th to attend the official opening celebration for the new ball diamonds at the Grade School Park (810 14th Ave). The celebration will begin at 5:30PM starting with opening comments by Mike Aimone, Village President, and Scott Katterhagen, who spearheaded the Kellogg's "Plant a Seed" voting effort.

The comments will be followed by refreshments and a Racine County Girls Fast Pitch Senior Softball League game starting at 6:00pm. Scott Katterhagen will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch for the game which features the Union Grove Heat vs. Union Grove Thunder.

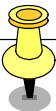
Stick around to watch the game, and to check out the displays and information that

will be available that evening. You will be able to see details on the park draft plan; projects already in process including a walking trail, pavilion, concession stand, and restrooms; projects in need of volunteers and donations; and information on upcoming summer/fall sports and recreation programs.

Information will also be available on the "Vote for the Name" initiative which will kick off July 9th to determine the official name for what is currently being called the Grade School Park. See the list of possible names and find out how you can vote for your favorite at the celebration.

Also, during the month of June the new fields will be in use Monday through Thursday, 6:00pm to

8:00pm, by the Union Grove T-Ball and Coach Pitch programs. Feel free to stop by to see how the new fields are going to good use, and to check out youth baseball at its finest. "Our Dogs Don't Bite" is also on-site at the park on those game nights - they have been generous enough to donate a portion of their sales on game nights back to the Park and Recreation program. So come hungry to a game, try one of their famous hot dogs or Italian Beef sandwiches for dinner, and help out the Park and Recreation programs at the same time.



Save the Date!

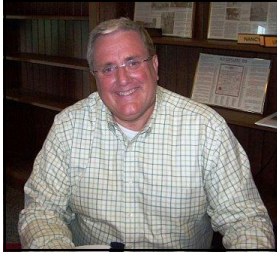
14th Annual Union Grove Super Saturday
 Saturday, Sept 11, 2010
 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 2010 Theme: American Heroes

The Main Event
 6th Annual Street Dance
 Presented by the U.G. Kiwanis
 6pm, Village Square

Live Music By:
 The Now Band &
 Pat McCurdy

If you would like to help make Super Saturday 2010 a success,
 please email for details: SuperSaturday2010@gmail.com

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Mike Aimone, President

Mike served on the board for three years as a trustee, and is starting his fourth year as President.. He currently sits on five village committees. Mike has lived in Union Grove for 11 years, and in the surrounding Town of Yorkville prior to that. He is very busy with village committees, which doesn't allow much free time for hobbies. When he does have the time, Mike enjoys spending time with family and friends, golfing and working on his house and yard. As a member of the U.G. Kiwanis, Mike chairs the annual Street Dance. He works on the St. Roberts annual festival and sits on the Board for the Racine County Economic Development Corp. Single, with no kids, Mike's day job is in agency management with State Farm Insurance.



Ronald Bogard, Trustee

Ron served on the board from 2005-2007, and was re-elected in 2009. His current board assignments are on Fire Commission, Water/Wastewater/Streets Com-

mittee, Chair person for the Plan Commission and he is also on Personnel Committee. Ron has lived in the Village of Union Grove for 20 years and is an avid hunter, fisherman and likes to build. He is a life member of the Army Engineer Association, Life Member of the National Rifle Association, charter member of Hanson-Bixby American Legion Post #171. He is very active at his church True Life Ministries and would like to pursue mission work when he retires. Ron has been married to Diane (Dixon) Wildfong for 19 years, together they have a daughter Erin, married with 4 children, Kelsa, Michaela, Colton and Rebekah; daughter Veronica, married with 2 children Cheyenne and Ai-yanna ; daughter Christina, married with no children. A son Jason who lost his life while serving in Kuwait, leaves behind 2 sons, Ryan and Benjamin. Ron has been employed with the City of Racine for 31 years in the public works services and street maintenance general construction area and is retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after serving 21 years as Senior Construction Manager.



John Korzilius, Trustee

John Korzilius has been a board member for 33 years—since since 1977!! He is currently on the following committees: Water/Wastewater/Storm, Water and Streets, Administration

and Finance and Recreation & Parks. John has been a Village resident since 1970, and is employed by Bob's Mobil. He enjoys watching sports for fun, and is a member of the Union Grove Area Kiwanis Club. John has been married to Candy for 40 years and they have two 2 daughters, both married and living out of town. They have five grandchildren.

Timothy Mallach, Trustee



Tim is starting his 5th year on the board, and serves on the Administration and Finance committee, Recreation & Parks, and is the chairperson of the Police Commission. He has lived in Union Grove for 17 years, and really enjoys gardening and hanging out with his three grandchildren. Through his community involvement, Tim started the "Green Team" and the "Friend of Main Street" program. Tim works for Union Grove Graded Environmental Services, and is married to Marie, who owns and operates a Bridal Shop on Main Street.

Bill Stoltz, Trustee



Bill has served on the Village Board for 5 years, and is currently serving on four committees: Personnel, Planning, Development and is Chairman of Water, Wastewater, Streets and Storm Water Committee. Bill has been married to Christine for 23 years and they have three sons. Tony, age 22, is a senior at University of Wisconsin-Platteville studying Electrical Engineering. Kyle, age 20, is a sophomore at University of Wisconsin-Platteville studying Mechanical Engineering. And Taylor, age 17 will be a senior at Union Grove High School next school year. A new addition to the family is Brooke, a black lab and hound mix. They have lived in Union Grove for 18 years; Christine works at Union Grove Lumber downtown. For fun, Bill enjoys bowling and volleyball. He has been an active member of the Lions Club for 16 years, and serves as the Membership Chairman and the Bingo Project Chair. Bill is a Professional Engineer, employed for the last 20 years at North Shore Sanitary District in Gurnee Illinois, in the position of Supervisor of Design and Construction.

Gordon Svendsen, Trustee



Gordon has served on the board for six years and is on the Administration and Finance Committee, Recreation & Parks., Development committee and the Library Board.

VILLAGE FUN!

On Saturday, May 15, the 2nd Annual Spring Fling was held in Village Square Park. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy a great family day! There was free ice cream, balloons, toys and make & take plantings. Entertainment was provided by the Village Drum Circle and the Union Grove High School Band, both led by Scott Cincotta, band director at Union Grove Union High School. In between the music, the newly formed Union Grove Spirit Team performed their cheer routines. Thank you to all who donated personal care items to the local Food Bank. We collected hundreds of items!

Events like this are possible due to the generosity of local sponsors. Thank you to Ray Alderman & Sons, Inc. (Deans Foods), Union Grove Kiwanis, Raceway Gas & All, S & S Appraisal, First Banking Center, Shepherds Ministries, Union Grove Lumber & True Value, Main Street Market, Village staff, and the many volunteers that help to make this a great community event. Check out the pictures below to see what a great time was had by all!



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Gordon has lived in the village since 1977 and is a member of the U.G. Kiwanis. Gordon is married with two sons and four grandchildren.

Michael Younglove, Trustee



Starting his first term, Michael is the newest addition to the village board. His committee assignments are Chairperson of the Community Development Authority, Fire Commission and Police Commission. Michael has lived in the Village for ten years; his wife (Wendy) was raised and educated in Union

Grove. They decided to build a home here and move back for a number of reasons including: good schools, family, and a safe community. Michael and Wendy have two children—their daughter Samantha graduated this year from Union Grove Union High School, and this fall will be a proud Ripon College “Red hawk”. Their son Benjamin is a third grader at Union Grove Elementary school. Michael is an attorney practicing almost exclusively in the area of criminal defense. He owns his practice and his office is located on Main Street in Racine. Michael currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Racine County Bar, and is a member of several professional organizations. In his limited free time, Michael spends most of it with his family; they all love water and are fortunate to own waterfront property where they spend time swimming, jet skiing, fishing, and any-

thing else involving water. They are also ATV enthusiasts and enjoy trail riding in Northern Wisconsin.