For the last 42 years, John Korzilius has been a fixture at Bob's Mobil on Main Street in Union Grove. He actually worked for the two previous owners, before Bob’s Mobil. When he began in 1973, the business was known as Union Grove Consumers Coop, until 1983, when it became Farmers Grain and Supply. In 1988 it became Bob’s Mobil.

Over the years, John’s job changed along with the times. He started out manning the car wash, always meticulously drying off customers’ windows as they drove out of the car wash. He also pumped gas at the full service pumps. But as the car wash was shut down, and full service was phased out, he moved back in the shop to repair tires and fill LP tanks.

“I have no idea how many tires I’ve fixed,” John said as he reflected on his career. No doubt, he’s probably fixed a tire for a good portion of Union Grove residents over the years. In fact, upon hearing about his retirement, he said many customers came in saying “Who’s gonna fix my tires?”

But he was quick to say he trained a young man to do the job well. When he began at the Coop, gas was just 24.9 cents/gallon, “And that was full service,” Korzilius said. Long-time residents will remember pulling up to the tanks and rolling down their windows, to meet by Korzilius, asking how he could help.

“I’m gonna miss dealing with people and helping people,” he said. “I won’t miss working in the cold,” he added.

John and his wife, Candy, have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. Long ago, John said he promised his wife they would one day move to be closer to them. “One day” has arrived, and the Korzilius’ have moved to the Appleton area.

Korzilius says he really looks forward to having time to attend his grandchildren’s activities. “It may sound trite, but I’m gonna spend more time with the grandkids,” he said.

Korzilius’ last day at Bob’s Mobil was April 18, when employees held an open house in his honor.
Letters to the President

Third graders at Union Grove Elementary School wrote some letters to Village President Mike Aimone, as part of a class assignment, telling him what type of businesses they would like to see in Union Grove. Here’s a sample of those letters...

Dear Mr. Aimone,

I think Union Grove should get an ice skating rink. First it would be nice to have families take a break from all the work and have something fun to do in our own community. Also ice skating gives people good exercise and some fresh air. Finally, if you sold things like hot chocolate for kids and coffee for parents, the community could make some money. I hope you accept this great idea.

Sincerely,
Malaia

Dear Mr. Aimone,

In our community I would like to have a sledding hill. One reason is because lots of people like sledding. Also, some people might not get to sled in the winter. Finally, it will make people get out of the house more. I think a sledding hill would be a fun activity for the people who live in Union Grove. I hope you consider this idea!

Sincerely,
Cameron

Dear Mr. Aimone,

I would like a Game Stop here in Union Grove. At a Game Stop store people could get new or used stuff for many different systems and XBOX One and 360. First I think many kids would like a Game Stop because they don’t have one in Union Grove right now. If we had this store kids could return stuff if they needed to. Finally since our community doesn’t have a lot of stores, a Game Stop would give Union Grove some variety. I would really like it if you considered my idea.

Sincerely,
Carter

Dear Mr. Aimone,

Union Grove should get a chocolate factory. One reason is because it would make Union Grove smell awesome! Also, by having a chocolate factory, we could get more candy in the stores. Finally, having a chocolate factory in our community would give people a place to work. Those are my reasons that we should get a chocolate factory in Union Grove.

Sincerely,
Carter
Summer Safety for Kids

Kids slip, fall, and tumble; that's a normal part of growing up. Summertime is a great time for learning through exploring the outdoors, and there are things we can do to ensure that kids avoid serious injuries.

Car Safety

The majority of car seats are not used correctly. Read and follow a car seat's manual. If you have questions, certified technicians are available at the health department to help with installation. Every summer, children die from heatstroke in vehicles. Never leave your child alone in a car. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911.

Bike Safety

Everyone should wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Ensure the helmet fits well with snug straps. Teach kids to use hand signals and obey the rules of the road.

Water Safety

Use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets on boats and around open bodies of water. Check the fit of the life jacket by having your child raise both arms straight up. If the life jacket hits the child's chin or ears, it may be too big or need to be tightened. Tell children never to enter a body of water without an adult present.

Skin Protection

Prevent illnesses like West Nile virus and Lyme disease - avoid mosquito bites, and do "tick checks" after being outdoors. Apply effective insect repellent to clothing and exposed skin, such as those with 0.5% permethrin or 20-30% DEET. Follow the manufacturer's directions. Use broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 15 when skin is exposed to the sun, even on cloudy days. Hats and sunglasses provide additional protection.
**RECREATION ROUND-UP**

*News from Village Recreation Director, Kim Terpstra*

**Spirit Team and Dance Classes:** New session to start late summer, Saturday mornings 10-12 a.m. Ages 4-13, $65 per participant.

**Taekwondo Classes (TKD):** At the Village Hall community room every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5-7 p.m. For youth or adults. Stop by a class and get more information on signing up and costs.

**Summer Youth Science Camps:** We are joining forces with Mad Science Company to offer these camps this summer:
- June 24, 1-5 p.m. - Bubbles, smoke and explosion
- July 22 - Hovercraft Camp
- August 12 - Science, Mysteries and Magic

Cost is $50 per camp and will be held at the Old Grade School park pavilion area. For Ages 5-12. You may sign up at the Village Hall any time.

New this summer - Youth Summer Camp! For ages 4-10. Camp will run 8-11 a.m. for ages 4-6 and 12-3 p.m. for ages 7-10, during the week of July 13-17 at the Old Grade School park pavilion. Fun outdoor and lesson activities will be planned for each day. Cost is $30 per child for the week. Registration information will come home from local schools, check our website and facebook also.

**NEW: Knitting Class**: We are excited to announce a new class to our recreation program. Please register ahead of time at the village hall.

**Basic Knitting Classes**
Want to learn to knit or do you enjoy knitting, but looking for more? Learn how to read a pattern and abbreviations, correct knitting mistakes, and explore techniques. Go home with new ideas and projects to knit for your friends and family.

- **Beginner 1 Class:** 2 sessions, 2 hours each, $20
  - May 12, 11-1 p.m. and May 14, 11-1 p.m.
- **Beginner 2 Class:** 1 session, 2 hours, $10
  - June 2 6-8pm
- **Knit baby items:** 2 sessions, 2 hours each $20
  - June 15 10-12 p.m. and June 17 10-12 p.m.

**Discover Fair Isle: (intermediate class)** 1 session, 2 hours, $10
- June 4, 10 a.m. - Noon

**Discover Mitered patchwork:** 1 session, 2 hours $10
- June 23, 6-8 p.m.

**Discover Cable: (intermediate class)** 1 session, 2 hours $10
- June 25 6-8 p.m.

**Yarn Night!**
- June 27, 6-8 p.m.

Grab your current project and items to share that you completed for our show ’n tell time. Drop in whenever you can and stay as long as you like! $2 per session. All classes held at the Village Hall. *Supplies not included, a list of supplies will be emailed to you prior to the class. Any questions? Email: hlafavejak@gmail.com

**Discount Attraction Tickets Available!**

We officially have the summer Discount tickets available for purchase at the Village Hall! A small portion of the sales goes to the Recreation Department...please consider buying your tickets before heading to the following attractions; Country Springs Hotel & Springs Water Park, Milwaukee County Zoo, Mt. Olympus, Noah’s Ark and Six Flags Great America.

**Union Grove Recreation Dept and Challenger Sports British Youth Soccer Camp**

**Adult Feeling Fit Classes:** Starting mid June to the end of July. Classes will have fun informational sessions on nutrition, exercise and cooking tips. Registration info will be on our website, at the Village Hall and facebook.

**Thank you!** The Union Grove Recreation Department would like to thank the Roger Palmen Dealership for sponsoring the youth baseball program in the National Chevy Youth Baseball program with cash and equipment donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you have any interest in volunteering for our programs, or new program ideas, please feel free to call Kim Terpstra at 262.902.7917 or email at kterpstra@uniongrove.net. Please follow us on facebook – Union Grove Recreation Page.
Board of Review Date

VILLAGE OF UNION GROVE TAXPAYERS - NOTICE OF 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2015 Board of Review for the Village of Union Grove shall hold its meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Anyone wishing to file an objection must contact the Village Clerk to complete and submit the required objection form prior to appearing before the Board of Review. Objections will be scheduled to be heard by the Board in the order in which they are received by the Village Clerk.

Village Financial Report

Baker Tilly provided the following financial information that was evaluated as of December 31, 2014.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that a general fund have a minimum of 17% of general operating expenditures in unassigned fund balance at any given year-end. The village’s unassigned general fund percentage was approximately 32% or 4 months of reserves on hand as of December 31, 2014. The village’s total General Obligation debt was $14,731,545 or 69% of its debt capacity. Debt capacity is 5% of the village’s equalized value.

The Water Utility had solid results for 2014. There was an increase in operating income in 2014 due to a decrease in operating expenses. Bond resolutions require that earnings from the water utility be greater than 1.25 times the revenue bond annual debt service based on the bond year. In 2014, the utility met its required factor with an actual coverage ratio of 1.63. The water utility has historically had strong cash reserves. In addition, funds have been set aside as restricted for capital improvements and bond payments. The water utility had 3.8 quarters of billings on hand as of December 31, 2014.

Given the wastewater utility’s 2014 results it is recommended that the Village review the sufficiency of the existing wastewater rates. There was a decrease in operating income due to a decrease in operating revenues. The required debt coverage for the wastewater utility was 1.10; this was met with an actual coverage ratio of 1.38. The minimum funding benchmark is to have 1 quarter of billings on hand at year end. The wastewater utility had just less than 1 quarter of billings on hand.

The stormwater utility had good financial results as of December 31, 2014 with an operating income of approximately $18,000 for the year and over five quarters of billings on hand.
**Library Corner**

*News from Union Grove’s Graham Public Library*

There’s a variety of summer programming for young and old, at Graham Public Library, 1215 Main Street in Union Grove. Please call the library at 878-2910 for registration information. Find us on Facebook or on our website: www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us!

**Books needed for annual sale** Got books? Starting Monday, July 6 the library will accept 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. We don’t accept magazines, textbooks, or encyclopedias.

**Summer Reading Program** begins June 15 and includes special performances as well as reading incentives given by the library to children who complete reading records. All Reading records must be turned in by Friday, Aug. 2. This year’s theme is “Every Hero Has a Story!” Children 12 years and younger are invited to participate. Performances take place on Tuesday mornings from June 16 - July 21 at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium at the Union Grove Elementary School. No registration required. Story wagon performances are sponsored by Lakeshores Library System, with assistance from the Johnson Foundation.

**Superhero Training Camp:** Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Story & Activity/Craft. Children are invited to come and create a different superhero related craft each week from June 19 - August 14, with the exception of July 3. No Registration Necessary.

**Lego Lab Family Night:** The fourth Thursday of the month (June 25, July 23 and Aug. 27) at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Kathy invites families for Lego Lab Family Night. Registration is required and limited to 20 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No drop-offs please.

**Make –N- Take** offers the opportunity for preschoolers to be creative! These super-simple, self-directed projects are perfect for preschoolers with an adult and can be made Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Children’s Area of the library. Instructions and supplies are provided for free! No registration necessary.

**Library Hours:** Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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**Union Grove Lions Club News**

*35th Anniversary Chicken Barbecue is June 7!*

The Union Grove Lions Club Chicken Barbecue will be Sunday, June 7 at the Racine County Fairgrounds, Hwy 11, Union Grove, from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children under 12. Ticket price includes admission to the 32nd Annual Car Show, held at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the dinner. For information on entering the car show, call 878-3623 or 878-3557.

There will also be Cow Pie Bingo to benefit the Union Grove Kiwanis Club, a bake sale and quilt raffle from the Union Grove Lionesses, free hayrides by the Lyle Fox Family, musical entertainment by Dale Erdmann’s Spinnin’ Gold D.J. Service, and free popcorn from the Lions Club.

Folks are encouraged to bring donations of used eyeglasses and used hearing aids to the event. Tickets can be purchased from Lion Club Members, local businesses and they will also be sold at the door.

**Container Gardening Workshop was held at Graham Public Library on May 7**

Registered participants received recyclable bags, tomato and basil plants along with helpful tips and recipes provided by Mrs. Kathy and the Master Gardeners. Funds provided by the Women’s Farm bureau and the Racine Potpourri Garden Club.
NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

From Mark Osmundsen, Director of Public Works

Dogs in the Park

The only Union Grove park where dogs are allowed, is the dog park located at Legion Park and the dog park there consists only of the fenced in area. Please keep you dogs on a leash until you enter into the fenced in area.

Things you Might Not Know

The Village operates its own wastewater treatment facility located at 3710 67th Drive. Our treatment plant is a 2 MGD plant which means it can treat up to 2 million gallons a day of wastewater. We treat an average of over 380,000,000 gallons of wastewater a year. The treatment plant never stops, it is always operating 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We produce 900,000 gallons of by-product from the treatment process each year, which is tested, hauled away and incorporated on fields for fertilizer. The clear water then flows into the creek which ends up in the Root River. The Village also takes care of over 25 miles of sanitary sewers that bring everything to the plant. The operators for both the wastewater utility and the water utility are Brad Maier and Craig Kreuscher, wastewater; Casey Stratton and Joe Firkus, water. These four gentleman had to go to school and pass several state exams to become operators and hold a valid operators license from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

House Address Numbers

Please remember to check your house for address numbers and make sure they are in plain sight and in good shape. Thank You and Have a Great Summer!

Kiwanis Club News

The Union Grove Kiwanis Club has a busy summer planned! Here’s what’s coming up:

Tuesday, June 2: The club will host it’s second annual Bike Rodeo for area first graders from Union Grove, Yorkville and Raymond schools, and will be help at the Union Grove Elementary School. Each child will receive a bike helmet and learn about bike safety.

Sunday, June 7: The Kiwanis Club will host its annual Cow Pie Bingo contest in conjunction with the Lions Club Chicken Barbecue & Car Show at the Racine County Fairgrounds. The cow arrives at noon! Feel free to stop by to check it out and visit with club members.

July 4th Parade: The Kiwanis club lends a hand at the parade by sponsoring a band and helping with lining up parade participants. Don’t miss the parade!

Racine County Fair, July 29 - August 2: This is one of our major fundraisers. We’ll once again be selling our famous Kiwanis Steak Sandwiches along with brats, burgers, hot dogs and chicken sandwiches at family friendly prices. With help from our local high school Key Club, our food stand is open during the entire fair. Come see us!

Street Dance, Saturday, September 12: We’ll finish up the summer season hosting the annual street dance at Village Square Park in downtown Union Grove. Local band Weird Science will return for this fun community event.

Join us!

Proceeds from all Kiwanis events go back to the community in a variety of ways. The club meets the first and third Wednesday evenings each month, June through September at the Racine County Fairgrounds Kiwanis food stand, and October through May at Old Setters Bowling Alley. New members are always welcome! For more information contact current club president Len Erickson at lenerickson66@gmail.com, phone 262-939-5552 or past president Gerry Hancock at ghancock@wi.rr.com, phone 262-878-1970.

Union Grove Yorkville Fire Department: A Message from Chief Czerniak

Summer safety reminders:

Wear your bike helmet, realize drivers may not see you and obey all traffic laws.
Stay hydrated and properly sunscreened for outdoor activities.
Make sure you have a travel kit for your car and an emergency container for your home, especially considering severe weather that may shut down electricity and/or travel.
Your pets may need your care too - shade and cool water.
Always remember – if you have a life threatening incident; fire or need emergency help, call 911 and we will come!
Have a safe summer!
Eagle Scout Project to teach Canoeing

Hi! My name is Noah Lorey, I'm a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 350 here in Union Grove, and I'm currently working towards becoming an Eagle Scout! As part of the project required for the award I'm hosting a canoeing clinic on the pond in the Fox Creek subdivision.

Please join me to learn how to canoe on Saturdays, August 1 and 8, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There is absolutely no cost and the canoeing is open to all ages! Bring Grandpa too! We'll learn different strokes, turns, launching techniques, and safety, and have fun doing it! If you'd like to join us, park at the Moe/Young Park near Piggly Wiggly and take the Eagle Trail to the subdivision. Bathrooms are also located at Moe/Young Park. All equipment will be provided. A snack and water will be provided for all who come on out. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about the program contact me at: (262)902-7200 or email: noahl16@yahoo.com

Supported by: BSA Troop 350, Union Grove Lions Club, Union Grove Recreation Department.

Summer opportunity at Union Grove United Methodist Church!

Looking for an easy and effortless, relaxed way to increase your family's spiritual and community involvement while school is out? Got Youth? We've Got God. Come check us out! Visit us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m., at 906 Twelfth Ave. Parking available on the street and the lot across from church. This year our Vacation Bible School (VBS) “G FORCE”, in conjunction with Bright & Beautiful Christian Childcare Center, will be August 10 – August 14. Please contact Cheryl at (262) 878-1248 for VBS registration. Space is limited and fills up quickly!
News from the Union Grove Area Foodbank

A message from Foodbank Coordinator Arlene Van Ess

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Greater Union Grove Area Community for their generosity during the Stamp out Hunger Food Drive and our Annual Spring Clothing Sale.

It is with great pride that we announce our donor and volunteer appreciation event on Wednesday, June 20, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Foodbank, 826 Main St., behind the Post Office.

Through the generosity of this great community we are able to reach our goal of paying off our mortgage. During this event we will symbolically burn our mortgage.

We invite all of our supporters to join us for cake and refreshments as we celebrate our permanent home. We have a long, 33 year history of service to this great community and plan to be here for many more years to come, thanks to all of you.

Coming later this summer; our 33rd annual Fall clothing sale on Thursday, August 20, from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Friday, August 21, from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. at St. Roberts Church.

You can help by donating your new or slightly used clothing beginning August 1, in the bin behind St. Roberts Church. (Anything donated prior to that date will not be included in our sale.)

Again, we would like to say thank you to all who have helped support our mission throughout the years. We would not be here without you!

Union Grove Car Show

Save the Date for Saturday, August 8 - 9 a.m. until everyone is tired!
This year’s theme will be “Thank a Vet”. Last year’s show brought 314 cars. The show welcomes cars, trucks, motorcycles, go-carts and even tractors. As car show coordinator Tiger Heberling says, “If you’re proud of it, bring it!” The car show is free; food and beverages available for purchase. For questions, contact Tiger at 262-939-2160.
Public Meeting to be held on June 16

The Community Development Authority and Plan Commission have developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the selection of a developer to construct multi-family housing at the former mill and Village Hall properties located at the corner of Mill Ave. and State St. The proposed project shall attempt to conform to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. The project is one phase of a multi-phase downtown redevelopment effort. This phase shall include multi-family housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households along with market-rate housing, and if possible, a focus on housing for seniors (ages 65+ years). The recent Regional Housing Plan conducted by SE WI Regional Planning Commission revealed a job/moderate-cost housing imbalance in the Village. This project is intended not only to address this job/housing imbalance but also to have a catalytic impact on downtown redevelopment. Subsequent phases of development may include commercial uses and/or additional multi-family and senior housing. The RFQ will be posted on May 20th with responses from developers due in mid-July.

You are invited to attend a public event at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 in the Union Grove Village Hall Community Room during which the Village will describe the desired project and the goals in the redevelopment area including an overview of how the new Tax Increment Financing District (TID) will be utilized to further development in the project area. The public is invited to participate through a brief comment period during which you can voice your support or concerns about the vision for the project. The public comments will be compiled and shared with developers who respond to the RFQ. Updates regarding the RFQ and public events can be found on the Community Development page of the Village’s website at www.uniongrove.net.
Union Grove Farmers Market - Tuesdays from 2 - 6 p.m., beginning June 2
(see page 6 inside for details)

Union Grove Lion’s Club Chicken BBQ - Sunday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(see page 7 inside for details)

Union Grove’s July 4th Parade - Saturday, July 4; Kiddie Parade starts at 9 a.m.,
Main Parade starts at 9:15 a.m. (see page 5 inside for details)

Racine County Fair, July 29 - Aug 2 at the Fairgrounds, Hwy 11, Union Grove

Union Grove Car Show - Saturday, August 8, 9 a.m.
(see Page 9 inside for details)