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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TALMER BANK AND TRUST

There's a new name in town: Talmer Bank and Trust. To Talmer, being a community bank isn't just their business – it's their responsibility. They understand the important role a local bank plays in the growth and vitality of the area it serves.

I spoke with Branch Manager Kim Terpstra to find out more, so.....
Please meet Talmer Bank and Trust:

Talmer Bank and Trust has a total of 54 branches – 17 in Wisconsin and 37 in Michigan. They are the fifth largest Michigan-based bank in Michigan with branches in Wisconsin as well. Talmer employs over 900 employees in Michigan and Wisconsin (approximately 700 employed in Michigan and 200 in Wisconsin). Kim Terpstra has been with the bank for over 15 years, and is currently the Branch Manager for the Union Grove location. Scott Squire is the Agricultural Lender for Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties, with an office located in the Union Grove Branch; Scott has been with the bank for 12 years.

Talmer Bank and Trust is a locally-operated financial institution that provides highly personalized financial services to individuals, professionals and their businesses. Talmer Bank prides itself on establishing long-term relationships by providing personal attention, customized banking and investment solutions for evolving financial needs. They understand that lives and communities are enriched when people work together to support one another. Talmer Bank believes that strengthening communities is done by supporting employees, servicing customers and building on the communities in which people work, play and live.

Stop by the branch at 1201 Main Street and say welcome to the neighborhood!



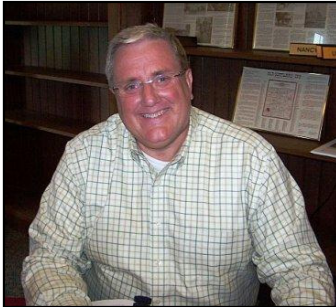
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Congratulations to the STATE CHAMPION Union Grove Broncos Fastpitch Softball Team.
- Union Grove Farmers Market opens September 13th.
- Car Show and Street Dance are on Saturday, August 13th.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN FROM MIKE AIMONE



Hard to believe that it's August already! Where to start is always the question when I prepare to put this update together.

First of all congratulations to all the Union Grove area graduates from Union Grove High School, Union Grove Christian School, Union Grove Elementary, Shepherds College and all the proud graduates from the area pre-schools, and lastly our Leadership Union Grove group.

Next I'd like to recognize and congratulate the Union Grove High School State Champion Girls Softball Team.... Way to go Ladies! Thanks for all you dedication and hard work in bringing the championship trophy to Union Grove again. A big thanks also to the coaching staff and parents for all your support and commitment to the program also.

So what's going on around Village Hall and the Village these days?

- Thanks for your patience while the crosswalks on Main Street were replaced over that the past couple of weeks. While we know it caused an inconvenience we needed to get them replaced while the State warranty was still in effect. Contrary to popular belief, the crosswalks were NOT damaged by the snowplows but rather the sprawling was a result of a concrete problem.
- CPI is now a memory and we are currently working with CPI and a development firm to determine the best use for future development to meet the needs of our community
- The old Municipal building on State and Mill Ave. will be disappearing (demoed) in the upcoming weeks as we have completed the re-

location of our DPW. The site will be used for future redevelopment as a part of the CDA (community development authority) overall plan

- The 2012 budget process has begun with every department being advised they need to reduce their budget by 10% pending final numbers for our State shared revenue and State highway aids. We will be looking at everything possible to try and not reduce any services currently offered.
- Work continues on School Yard Park (State and 12th)
- Have you seen the new "Village of Union Grove" signs with the updated 2010 population numbers?

We are currently looking for committee members for the following committees and commissions: Community Development Authority, Library Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. If interested in further information please let us know or stop by Village Hall and ask for an application. In order to get new ideas and views we encourage anyone from age 18-100 to apply.

Also Union Grove will be celebrating our 175th anniversary in 2013 and we are in need of a chairperson to organize the celebration. Please give us a call at 878-1818.



Ok, enough from me, there are a lot of other things to read in our newly designed Village Voice. I look forward to seeing you at any of the upcoming activities in Union Grove in the weeks to come.

~ Mike

A GREENER UNION GROVE

By: Timothy Mallach



A big thumbs up to all of the residents of Union Grove and Yorkville that made the electronics Waste Drive on April 12th a success. DP Electronics collected 13,904 pounds of waste that day!

Also thank you to all of the people that donated perennials for Legion Park—it sure spruced up the park!

If you haven't switched from paper to email for the Village newsletter—you can do that anytime. It saves on paper and postage, and it comes directly to your email inbox. Send an email to feedback@uniongrove.net, and tell us your name and property mailing address—it's that easy!

Please keep recycling for a greener Union Grove.

Local events, meeting agendas and minutes, program schedules... All of this and more can be found on our village website. Go to www.uniongrove.net today! *New and improved site coming VERY soon!* We are on Facebook—you can find us at Village of Union Grove



VILLAGE TIDBITS



Occasionally you need to read your water meter. If you have a basement, that is where it will be. Pictured is a sample of the water meter. Just read the four digits as shown on the drawing.



As a reminder, yard waste pickup is the last Friday of the month. Plastic bags cannot be used for yard waste; only brown recycle bags or a container that can be emptied and left are acceptable.

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NOTES FROM THE CDA COMMITTEE

By: Teresa Holm

Come see What's Happening!

September 13th to October 20th, 2011



As the Community Development Authority Chairperson, I am excited to announce that the Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Community Development Authority, has formed a committee to develop a weekly Farmer's Market at Village Square Park. We are in the early planning stages, but hope to start with an autumn kick-off this year and a full season next year. We plan on having the Market run on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, or if you know someone who would want to participate, please contact the chamber office. If you have an interest on being on the committee, we'd love to have you join us! We are also looking for possible entertainment in the park; if you have a talent that you would like to share, please let us know as well. We are working hard to make this a high-quality Farmer's Market with a nice variety of local vendors. There was a study done for the village by the Clue Group and it highly recommended this type of venue as a great way to bring people to our downtown. We are very excited to be making this a reality, and look forward to your input and support.



Has your family enjoyed our annual Pumpkinfest event brought to you by the Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce? It is a great community, family event, but Pumpkinfest is in need of new volunteers in order to keep it going. Many of the volunteers who got Pumpkinfest started have stepped down due to other commitments. We need great volunteers to help with planning and running of the event. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 262-878-4606 or ugchamber@att.net. We'd love to have you! (SAVE THE DATE! Pumpkinfest will be held on Saturday, October 29th)



A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF CZERNIAK

Since summertime is the favorite time of the year for many, I will write short so you can read fast and get back to enjoying the ever changing Wisconsin weather! As such, here are some tips on how to keep cool this summer and keep safe in hot weather:

- Never leave children, disabled persons, or pets in a parked car – even briefly. Temperatures in a car can become life threatening within minutes. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car even with the windows cracked slightly can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes!
- Keep your living space cool. Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in. If you don't have an air conditioner, open windows to let air circulate. When it's hotter than 95 degrees, use fans to blow hot air out of the window rather than to blow hot air on your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.
- Slow down and limit physical activity. Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark when temperatures are cooler.
- Drink plenty of water and eat lightly. Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!



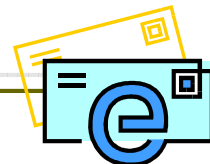
Here are some simple safety tips from June's Lightning Safety Awareness Week:

- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat. Don't be fooled by blue skies; seek shelter immediately. Remember: When Thunder Roars...Go Indoors!
- A fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing offers the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters and covered porches DO NOT protect you from lightning. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last clap of thunder.
- Because water pipes conduct electricity, don't take a bath or shower or use other plumbing during a storm.
- Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike taller objects in an area.
- Get an Emergency Weather Radio. It will alert you to the threat of severe thunderstorms in your neighborhood.

To close, remember batteries for your smoke alarms and be sure to purchase a CO monitor as they are now mandated by law. Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and we won't be upset if you don't need to call us for any fire or rescue services!

Chief Czerniak

Electronic Newsletter



In an effort to save taxpayers dollars, we are now offering the newsletter electronically. If you would like to receive your copy of the Village Voice **VIA EMAIL**, please send an email to feedback@uniongrove.net, and tell us your name and property mailing address. We will remove your name from the paper copy mailing list. Please include the email address that you would like us to use for future newsletters. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

HISTORY SEEKERS OF THE UNION GROVE AREA

By Marge Martin

History Seekers of the Union Grove Area – Made up of amateur and professional historians, collectors, readers, writers, packrats and storytellers, this group has been meeting informally for over two years. Our mission statement is a work in progress, but might go something like this: “to build an organization whose focus will be to seek, gather and record local historic items of interest. And to preserve and share its collection for the benefit of present and future generations.” The areas of focus of the History Seekers are Union Grove, and the surrounding communities of Dover, Paris and Yorkville.



One of our great partners is the Union Grove Graham Public Library. The Library has generously preserved and provided space for some well organized historical and genealogical collections. In the Library you can learn about the history of your town, research your home or peruse old newspapers and photographs. Trace your family tree using the genealogical note cards on hundreds of local citizens.

With the recent purchase of some recording equipment the History Seekers will be focusing on an “Oral History Project”. Oral history is defined by the Oral History Association as “a method of gathering and preserving historical information through recorded interviews with participants in past event and ways of life.” The History Seekers will be looking for people who have a story to tell about life in the Union Grove area or who knows someone who does.

Our meetings are fun and open to everyone. Contact us to find out when our next meeting of the History Seekers of the Union Grove Area will be. Contact Marge Martin at 262-994-3344 or the Graham Public Library at 262-878-2910.



Maximum Security Systems & The Village of Union Grove present

BACK TO THE PAST “3” CAR SHOW

Saturday, August 13th, downtown Main Street (Hwy 45), Union Grove

Free Registration from 9am-Noon with free dash plaque for the first 200 vehicles

Show Hours 9am—?? / Main St. Cruise starts at 2:00 p.m.

For details Visit www.maxsecuritysys.com or contact Tiger at 262-939-2160.

→ KIWANIS CLUB ANNUAL STREET DANCE FOLLOWS THE CAR SHOW! ←

2:00pm—11:30pm, Village Square Park

DJ and beverages start at 2:00pm. Wells Brothers Italian Bombers available for sale at 6:00pm.

The band, “Exhibit A” performs 7:30pm—11:30pm. Free admission; donations accepted at the gate.

THE BOOKSHELF Graham Public Library



Graham Public Library, 1215 Main Street in Union Grove, offers programs for all ages. Call 262-878-2910 with any questions, or visit the new and improved library website at www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us.

Toddler Time resumes at Graham Public library, located at 1215 Main St., Union Grove, Wednesdays' at 9:30 am September 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Librarian Pat will share stories, songs and rhymes during this interactive story time! Toddler Time is for confident walkers and an adult. In person registration is required.

Feeling Crafty? Our Crafter's group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:30- 11:00. Any craft in any state of completion is welcomed. This is an easy going group who loves to share ideas and fellowship.

Library Book Sale: The library will hold its annual used book sale September 7-10, 2011. Hundreds of titles appealing to all ages are available. Book sale hours are Wednesday, September 7 from 5 pm -7:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 8 from 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Friday, September 9 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. On Super 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 2011 Relay For Life of Union Grove raised over \$87,000!"

Thank You Union Grove!

Our annual Relay For Life of Union Grove event was a huge success! Over 250 people on 24 teams took the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer, raising a record-breaking amount of money.

The 2011 Relay For Life of Union Grove raised over \$87,000!

It's not too late to donate. Donations are accepted until August 31, so if you would like to contribute, please go to the Relay website at www.relayforlife.org/uniongrovewi

If you would like to be a part of this amazing event next year, please contact Nancy Suhr at 262-939-2990, or send an email to ugrelayforlife@gmail.com.



RECREATION ROUND-UP

From the Director, Kim Terpstra:

A big thank you to the T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Softball coaches for your amazing efforts this this season. We wouldn't have a season without you!

Look for a Union Grove Recreation Department fun day coming in the fall, showcasing all of our programs. It will be a fun day with food and games for the whole family to enjoy. Look for more info on that soon! Program information can always be found on the village website at www.uniongrove.net.

~ Kim

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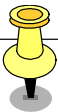
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Working together today for tomorrow's future



Save the Date!

15th Annual Union Grove Super Saturday

Saturday, Sept 10, 2011

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Main Street Union Grove

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Union Grove's Got Talent Competition

Performances start @ 11:00 a.m.

Cash Prizes to top 3 winners.

Go to www.ugsupersaturday.com for details.

