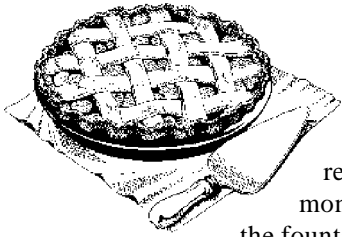


Union VILLAGE VOICE

....news of Unionville and the surrounding area

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Cookbook & Fountain Restoration



In March of 2000 I decided to put a town (village) cookbook together and donate all the proceeds to the restoration of the fountain. Well, one year and four months later it is finally coming to a finish. As we all know the fountain has been hit a number of times by passing vehicles.

We plan to move the fountain off the road a bit so ongoing travelers can no longer use it as a target.

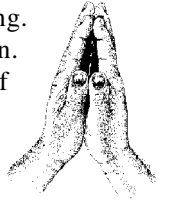
It has been said that perhaps the column or ball are laying in a garage in the area. If anyone knows of their whereabouts, please let us know. We plan to have the Dunn Fountain fully restored and re-dedicated by 2004, 100 years after it was donated.

And space is available in the cookbook. Anyone interested please call me at 726-3310.

Amy Donders

Good Bye Nick...

It was a summer morning. The windows were open. Then we heard the sound of a trumpet. Taps. If we weren't able to get to the service at Our Lady of Scapular or Unionville cemetery, the tears came. We knew what the notes on the trumpet were telling us. We would never see Nick again.



Although we joke in Unionville about 'city people,' Nick came north from Manhattan's West Side. Nick first served in the Army during WWII, and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge. He bought a property in Unionville with a garage, a garage that turned into a new life in Unionville. He pumped gas and fixed balky engines on cars; but his interests went further than cars.

The action he saw in Europe during the war bound him closely to other veterans. He was active in George W. Smith Post #1607. Nick took time for affairs that would benefit those who served their country.

His desire to serve included working for the ambulance corps, providing help at Our Lady of the Scapular Roman Catholic Church where he taught Sunday School.

'Old timers' can remember the school buses parked by the DeSantis house so Nick could make two daily runs to Mink sink schools with little kids going to kindergarten. Nick also made trips to Horton Medical Center acting as a guide for visitors and patients. Several times he ran for assessor, and was successful two times.

In 1963 he served his first term as mayor of this little village on the western corner of Orange County. After his first term Nick handed the reins to Charles Currier. By 1989 Nick had run for mayor again and had served for 10 years.

For many 'old timers' Nick was the ultimate small village inhabitant. He was one reason people moved here. The former mayor was largely responsible for the current mayor and his family to have moved here and now call Unionville home.

We will all miss Nick



Unionvillagers to Keep in Your Thoughts and Prayers

Reuben Schmick
Willis 'Bill' Compton
Paul Gale
Ray McDonald
George & Sophie Costic
Steve Shuart
Lena Rasmussen
Marion Weslowski
Pat Ludwick
Don Ayers
Louise Pettit
Margaret Hovencamp
Grace Winters
Emma Jesse Grady Martens

Coming Attractions

The "Memorial Corner" of Memorial Park has been given a giant push forward thanks to the voluntary efforts of Jean Knoepfel and Joyce Schmick. They have developed a beautiful design for this most significant corner of our park.

Their plan incorporates a mix of perennial flowers, shrubs and ground covers with graceful paths and benches as well as a dedicatory monument using an original village curb-stone salvaged during our recent water main installation project. Hopefully we can begin the initial plantings before the end of the year.

From the Mayor's Desk...

Village Master Plan Revisited

More than 30 years have passed since the village has updated our Comprehensive Master Plan. A lot has changed during those three plus decades. These changes require that we take a fresh look at where we think we should be going. Consequently, the mayor, at the direction of the Village Board, has appointed a commission of the following to review and to revise (as needed) the Village Master Plan:

Village Board members, Village Planning Board, Village Zoning Board of Appeals, Village Attorney (s), Village Building Inspector, Marjorie Houghtaling, Kathleen Kinney, Bertie Sanders, Jean Knoepfel, Sandy Kowalczyk, Brenda Edzenga, Lisa McGahey, and Kevin Mulligan



May I remind you of the One-on-One Day with the mayor,
every 2nd Tuesday 7:30 to 9:00 pm.
Dick Ludwick,
Mayor

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What's Happening Around the Town

Welcome!!

You may have noticed some activity at the house on the corner of Main and High Streets, the house where Minisink School Superintendent Andrews used to live. Joe and Megan Cirigliano live there now with their daughters Nicole and Alyssa.

New people have bought the Ernest Doyle house on Main Street and are doing some refurbishing. Will any new home owners call the editor at 726-3894.



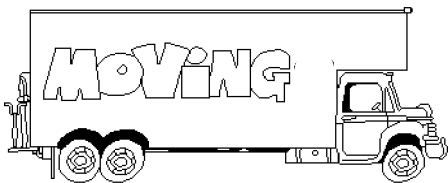
Lucky Moves

The village guard cat, Lucky, has found greener pastures.

She has moved to a house in Greenville and now lives with Village Clerk Sally's father, Bill. Lucky had to get out because she was not careful about her toilet habits. Efforts to relocate Lucky seemed to be failing when Village Clerk Sally came to Lucky's rescue. Lucky shares her new digs with several cats and a dog and is loved by her new keeper.



Sally's father fell in love with Lucky. The feeling was mutual because most of Lucky's day is spent on her new owner's lap, and Lucky hasn't returned to her old haunts in Unionville.



Coming Events:

Hand Print Day July 22

Henry "Hick" Kithcart is working feverishly to complete the seventeen hexagonal forms to be used on the 22nd day of July when our youngsters are invited to leave their hand-print in concrete as a permanent feature in Memorial Park.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the facilities and to partake of the complimentary grilled hot dogs and cold soft drinks to be provided by the Park Fund.

The "concrete casting" will begin at 1:00 pm. Don't forget - we need you to register so we may correctly identify and locate every individual hand-print for inclusion in our local history book.

We hope Laura Hanford (the oldest living ex-Unionvillager at age 98) will be able to attend and "cast the first print."



There's No Place Like Home

This poem was written by Emma Jessie

Grady Martens, a sister of Marion Weslowski and Doris Wilson, who served as an Army nurse in Germany in WWII. Mrs. Martens had lived in one of Kitty's apartments until she suffered a stroke recently.

It has been written about footprints in the sand.

Now I have another plan
How about foot prints in the snow
New York State, you know?

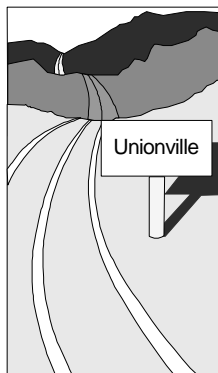
Boy, have I traveled around the world.
It's been a great life and experience never to regret.

The ups and downs and all around
Like a puzzle place,
They all have a space
They may be a bit distorted,
But in the mirror they were all reunited
Just a matter of being.

Now I'm home - my place of birth.

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<http://www.unionvilleny.org>



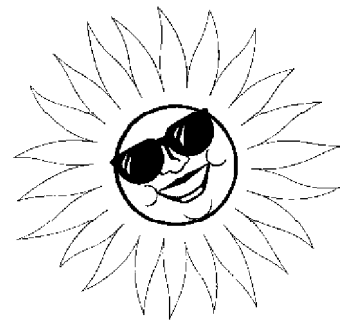
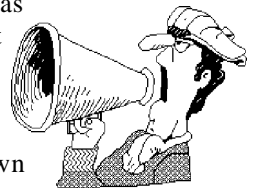
Remembering Memorial Day

Memorial Day was reminiscent of old time holidays, a Saturday Evening Post with a Norman Rockwell cover. People were lined up along the streets, cars were parked in every available spot. The Record covered the parade, veterans were standing on Main Street and for the ceremony at the cemetery. The reporter estimated a crowd of 1000, but others said they thought the number of 2 to 3,000 was more accurate. It was a lovely day.

Mea Culpa

In our last UnionVILLAGEVOICE we noted that Mary McNeil was the last village Historian; Mary was the Registrar. But Mary sure knew a lot of local history.

Our new Historian is Peggy Johnson, and she has an abiding interest in local history. She has been active in the Minisink Museum and Town history.



Have A Great Summer

The next issue of the UnionVILLAGE VOICE will be published in October. Call Pat Ludwick at 726-3894 if you have coming events or items of interest you would like to be included.