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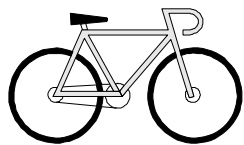
....news of Unionville and the surrounding area

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Bike-A-thon Set For October 13

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you like to ride a bicycle, tricycle or scooter, or to roller-skate or roller-blade, run jog, skip or walk, we still need you!



At three years of age, Destini was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer. After undergoing three years of chemotherapy at St. Jude Children's research Hospital, Destini is now a healthy and "cancer-free" 9-year old.

We need your help to make certain that St. Jude Hospital is always available to help children win their battle against this horrific disease.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon

October 13, 2001 (Rain Date Oct. 20)

10 AM - 1 PM

Main Street, Unionville

For Sponsor Forms or to volunteer, contact Andrea Mulligan (726-4616). With your help, we can make this a fantastically successful bike-a-thon

Catching Up

Unionville has seen a lot of activity while you were lolling by the pool sipping on iced tea or a stronger libation. Probably you were by the pool relaxing while the Unionville assessor was delivering a 9+ lb. baby boy, Joshua Tyler, the first grandson in the family bloodline for Lester Lain, and Joshua is a new brother to Brandon and Brett Gurda.



There was plenty going out and coming in on Reservoir Avenue. We learned of the death of Shirley Horler. For the 'old timers', nothing more needs to be said. She was the widow of Thomas Horler, the man who created Horler's grocery store and died in 1967. Their home was on Reservoir Avenue.

Their house formerly was owned by Joey and Kim Auberger and recently sold to Andrea and Kevin Mulligan and their son, Andrew. Andrea is getting used to life in a small town. She is going to be in charge of the annual St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Amy Donders will be assisting Andrea with the bikers. Kevin will serve as a member of the commission reviewing Unionville's master plan. He also will be acting as bicycle helper to his wife in the Bike-a-thon. He will replace

punctured tires and reset chains that have sprung and gone to a place they are not supposed to be. (Husbands can be handy to have around does that ring a bell with all you wives out there?) Just a reminder - bring extra tubes.

Another new family is the Konopkas, John and Judi. They live in the former Montgomery house on Valley View Drive. Judi is from Chester and works part-time at Horton Medical Center. John hails from Washingtonville and also works at Horton. They have three children, two girls, Christina and Deanna, and a boy, John.

We also welcome Jim and Linda Meyer to town. They live on the top of Hilltop Lane. Linda says she "loves" Unionville". She and Jim are looking "to adopt". Do you have any low maintenance kids you'd like to donate? Linda is not working now outside the home, although she used to work for Letchworth Village. Jim has always worked as a carpenter and is considering a job change to driving a new route for Schwans. They come from the Greenwood Lake area.

Christine Light may be familiar to some of our kids. She works at the Minisink School as a teacher's extra hand. She lives on Main Street in Steve Shuart's rental house.

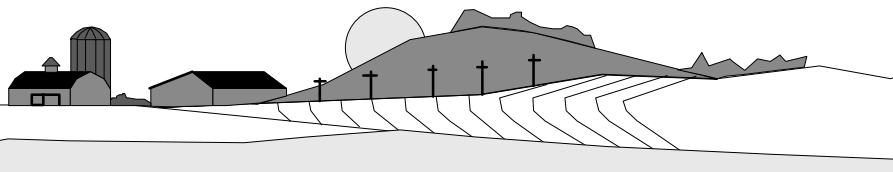
From the Mayor...

An important notice to parents:

The village park is open only during daylight hours.
After dark - home is a much better place for your children to be.

Dick Ludwick, Mayor

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Do You Know Your Neighbors?

One weekend this summer we realized how much Reservoir Avenue had changed. We didn't know who lived on the street anymore. So the "old-timers" decided to make a change. When your editor and mayor moved here in 1975, we didn't know anything about Unionville or "Mortgage Hill." We didn't know anyone, just about two great places to eat near Unionville. But both are no longer active or open.

It took us very little time to get acquainted, to compare gardens and stories about the school we had left. Back in 1975, we knew our neighbors. There were 18 families living on Reservoir Avenue. Some of them moved away or built another home, but now there are 19 families living on the street.

We met 16 of our neighbors at our "block party" this summer. One of the new folks wondered, "Why don't we do this every year?" Many of the 'old timers' agreed. Bill Compton organized the food that everyone brought. The covered dishes were delicious and varied, and a good time was had by all.

A Wedding In The Park

It was a nice day, a blue sky after a couple of steamy, clammy days. The mayor turned up in a black suit, not dungarees. He had left his dog at home, and other people in good clothing were sitting in a gazebo. What was going on?

A couple that most of us know decided to get married in the park, and they asked the mayor to help them tie the knot - Postmaster Helen Pajek and Gary Dunn. In attendance were the groom's mother Tessie (Dunn) Mracek, sisters Mary Banks and Corinne Williams, Faith Banks, John Bocsusis and Step Father Frank Mracek. Helen and Gary are now Mr. & Mrs.

While the family was together for the wedding, it was decided they would add a tree to the park in memory of Daryl Banks, a former mayor and council-



What's Happening Around the Town



Handprint

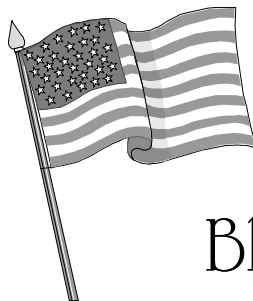
Day was officially designated as a day when the "younger set" could leave their "mark" on Unionville.

(This was their reward for not defacing the fresh concrete Andy Vliestra poured last summer as walks through the park.)

We had the oldest and youngest of Unionville residents put their handprints and in the baby's case, a footprint in the concrete. The oldest, Laura Hanford, who was born in May, 1902, (you do the math and figure out how old Laura is.) She came to Unionville in 1926 and married "Duke" Hanford in 1922 at the Presbyterian manse. Their store was very damaged by the Unionville fire that swept through village, and destroyed many old buildings. "Duke" died in 1974. Laura moved the store to the house where Kitty Kinney lives now, while the old building was repaired. The store was sold to Rosalie and Joe Masuck. The 'old-timers' still call the brick building "Dukes".

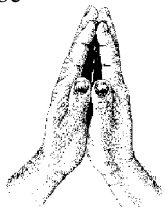
On hand-print day Laura (Hanford) Chapman found a place in a gazebo to sit, and baby Rachael Gulatto found a way to Laura's lap. Rachael's brothers and sisters Christian, Michaelina, Rebeka and Hannah joined her.

Says Mrs. Gulotta, "We never met the McNeils, but we can feel the love." in this house. She also indicated that "they were glad they moved here."



God
Bless
America

As this edition of the Unionvillage Voice was going to print, the unthinkable happened in our country. Let's pull together now, because we need to be united.



Did You Miss Family Day?

The kids that use our Memorial Park were responsible for Family Day. They raised money and used this money to buy prizes for winners of the games they planned. They also used the money to rent a cooker for hot dogs they bought, a machine to spin cotton candy, a popcorn machine, they ran all the games and machines. The only thing they didn't plan was the weather. We had intermittent showers. But after the hot weather we had just been through, we were able to put up with a few raindrops.

Four of the organizers of Family Day were presented with a signed certificate of community service by U.S. Representative Ben Gilman: Michelle Castro, Ashley Nellums, Linda Space and Danielle Space.

There will be a sign erected on a stone that used to be part of the pavement in front of Kitty Kinney's house on Main Street. The sign into the park will read:

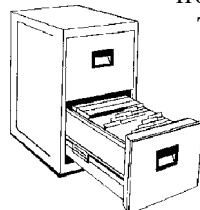
UNIONVILLE MEMORIAL PARK
Donated to the memory
of Unionvillagers
Past, Present & Future
and provided for the
ENRICHMENT OF ALL

Minisink Museum

The Town of Minisink Museum on the corner of Waterloo Road and Roy Smith Drive is open from 10 AM to Noon or by appointment. Call Carol VanBuren, Historian, at 726-3700 (Noon - 3 PM Monday - Thursday)

We have three buildings of displays - farm equipment, Indian artifacts, 1930's kitchen, school, home and railroad, etc. We have numerous photo albums, a small historical library, a large family and object file.

Volunteers are desperately needed as we are reorganizing. People are needed to keep the Museum open from Noon to 3 PM on



Tuesdays - training included. Books need to be catalogued, index cards to be alphabetized and filed, newspaper clippings to be filed, and much more.

Carol VanBuren

The Web Site & Hikers

We have heard some wonderful things from locals about our website. Have you tried it? <http://unionvilleny.org>

This year, hikers are required to get a permit to stay overnight in our park. Comments from them on the permits:

"What a wonderful town!" "I am very grateful for the use of your park. Thank you so much. We appreciate your kindness." "Beautiful little park you have here. Thanks so much for letting me spend the night!" "Great hospitality, where else can you go and meet the mayor? First time for me in 1300 miles. Thank you!" "Thanks for the hospitality. This is a wonderful town."

The hikers come from many states.

We even had a brother and sister from Great Britain.

There are lawyers, accountants, engineers, etc., people who love to walk.



Dunn Fountain & Cookbook

Report ~~The~~ Dunn Fountain Cookbooks are being printed. I am told they will be here by mid-October. Then all I have to do is sell them.

They're just in time for early Christmas shopping. So in case you were thinking of presents that will last a lifetime, this might be it. The books will cost \$7.00. They will be available at Horler's General Store, the Village Office and the Minisink town Hall.

If you would like more details, call me at 726-3310

Amy Donders

A Sad Note

We recently learned of the death of Mariam Weslowski. Her husband Conrad also died not long ago. They lived in the house on Main Street with the wooden old lady leaning over and digging in the garden. She worked in the silk mill for many years and she was a long-time member of the Minisink Hose Co. Ladies Auxiliary. She and Conrad were the builders and shakers of Unionville.



Coming Events:

St Jude's Bike-A-Thon
Main St., Unionville



Saturday, October 13

The next issue of the UnionVILLAGE VOICE will be published in Jan, 2002. Call Pat Ludwick at 726-3894 if you have coming events or items of interest you would like to be included.