

# Charlack Newsletter

## Message from your Mayor:

June 2006

I hope everyone is having a great, safe summer. We had to change the July meeting because of vacation conflicts with the Board, so the July meeting will be this Tuesday at 7:00pm at City Hall. If you are planning a vacation, don't forget to give City Hall a call and let the Police Department know you will be out of town. They will make extra security patrols around the area. Stay cool...we are under a Heat Advisory until at least next Friday.

**New Alderman:** In the last newsletter, I failed to give you Ward one Alderman Jared Gilbert's contact information. His home phone is 314- . He also has an email address,

**Officer of the Month:** Congratulations to Officer Eric Sontheimer for winning the officer of the month for June!

**Public Hearing:** We will be having a Public Hearing at City Hall this Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Our Board Meeting will immediately follow. There are 3 topics for the Hearing: The fiscal budget, the Community Development Block Grant and a section for Annexation discussion. Please try to attend if you have any concerns or comments about these very important topics. The annexation discussion will not be the time when we discuss the areas or our future plans. I just wanted to give any residents the opportunity to ask any questions. I will advise in a future newsletter when we start to get into the logistics and planning of the annexation process.

**New Park Regulations for 2007:** After much discussion, the Board has decided to make a few changes on how we manage our park. I am very happy that our park has become such an attraction, however, with this demand, we needed to make a few changes. None of the changes that have been made will take place for any rentals for 2006. They will become effective for the rentals beginning next year. One of the biggest changes is the new fee for residents and non-residents to reserve our park. Although I would have liked to see no rental fees for residents, I understand the Board's decisions. I have asked our Public Works to take exceptional care of our only park and they have responded extremely well. In doing so, it does incur costs on the City, so I can understand their reasoning. The new fee for the park will be \$20 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. The \$50 deposit will still remain in effect. The other major change is the fact that our park will only be available for use until dusk. The late rentals that we have had cost too much for electric and it can also be a problem for neighboring residents. The only time that the park can be used after dusk is for City events such as movie nights or the Laborfest Party, or unless a special permit is approved by the Board of Aldermen. We have a little gem with our park. MSD has approved the creek enclosure, so I expect that to start very soon. Enjoy our park. The park concept started many years ago and it has really blossomed into a source of pride for Charlack.

**Movie Night:** A second movie night? Well, actually, it was planned when all of the other events were planned, however, I accidentally omitted it from last month's newsletter. The movie night is this Saturday...less than a week! We will be watching "Because of Winn Dixie." Please see the back of this newsletter for details!

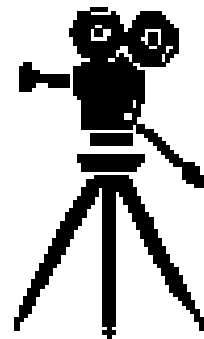
**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Fun was had by all that attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade & picnic! WE didn't have as many cars or bikes as last year, so let's try to get together next year. Once again, the LaBeau family took first prize for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. I gave them my word that they will have a challenge next year, so don't make a liar out of me! Seriously though, we did have a lot of fun. We had about 4 decorated vehicles and about 12 bikes. Last we we broke all records with something like 10 cars and 30 bikes! We all went to the park, raised the flag and ate some hot dogs. Try to make it out next year! I'd like to thank Community Fire Department for leading the parade and San Rafael Apartments for donating the golf carts for the day.

**Thanks!:** I have to take just a quick section to say thanks to a few folks. Every year we set out to make Charlack a community, not just a City in North County. Our municipal events help to make that possible. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that make these events come to fruition. I'm not going to bore you with the details, but I have to say thanks to just a few folks...Mike Hussmon (Alderman Lisa Buschmann's dad) for BBQing at nearly every event for the last year, our Public Works folks, Charlie and Peter, for all their help. City Administrator Zella Hornal and Alderman Lisa Buschmann. Alderman Buschmann has accepted the role of "event coordinator." I assure you, this is not an easy assignment and she has certainly taken the "bull by the horns" and has done a fabulous job. When Lisa and Zella start planning the summer events, it goes like clockwork. Thanks! I'd also like to thank the Police Department for their assistance. Finally, I'd like to thank the residents who attend. We don't do this for ourselves, we do it for the residents of the City of Charlack. A lot of you have come to most of the events, and yeah, sometimes it is hot and sometimes there is not a lot of excitement, but those of you that have attended know that this is a time to get to know your neighbors and relax for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Thanks to you for showing your community spirit!

**Charlack's Comprehensive Plan:** Development Strategies has started working on our comprehensive plan. More will follow as the process unfolds.

**Safety:** Every winter, the Police Department ask me to remind the residents not to leave your vehicles running to warm up. With this heat, the PD has asked that I remind everyone not to leave your cars running to cool them down as well. An unattended running vehicle might just be too much of a temptation for some folks.....

# Movie Night!



Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:15 – at the park



Popcorn provided  
bring your own  
drinks and a lawn  
chair!

A lonely young girl named Opal adopts an orphaned dog she names Winn-Dixie (for the supermarket where she found him). The bond between the girl and her special companion brings together the people in a small Florida town and heals her own troubled relationship with her father.

**Genres:**Drama and Kids/Family

**Running Time:**1 hr. 37 min.

**MPAA Rating:**PG for thematic elements and brief mild language.

*Don't forget to invite friends and family for the end of summer Laborfest Party on Sunday, the day before Labor day!*

*Please be respectful of your neighbors*

Please feel free to call me with any questions, concerns, or complaints. If you do not want to receive this every month, call me, and I will take you off the list. Thanks!

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