



# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Jan 22, Feb 26 & Mar 26 – 7 p.m.  
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Jan 8, Feb 12 & Mar 12 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Heritage Committee info, contact**  
Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or  
[buffersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buffersburg@verizon.net)

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ARTICLES FOR THE  
APRIL/MAY/JUNE  
NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY  
**MARCH 15, 2018**

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## OFFICE CLOSED

**New Year's Day**  
January 1, 2018

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
January 15, 2018

**President's Day**  
February 19, 2018

**Good Friday**  
March 30, 2018

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Street repair and paving were done before cold weather set in, but there is still a lot to do. Highway User Revenues (HURs) are holding up every town and city from performing needed street repairs. For those who may not understand how budgets are done, I will explain. Money from state, the county and towns are put in a certain category and must be used for that purpose. You cannot use the money somewhere else if that is how the state labels it. They keep a close eye on it and sometimes with all of the paperwork, you think "Is it worth it?" Municipalities statewide have lost a total of \$365 million in HURs since 2009. In FY2018 statewide, \$7.5 million was put back in the budget for 157 municipalities in the state. There are a lot of factors for how that money is divided. Some examples are road miles in Town and vehicles that are registered in Town, so it is very important that when people move into Town, they update their address as soon as possible.

The Mayor and Town Council had the honor of hosting the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Dinner in mid-December. We had all five County Commissioners, one State Senator plus three people from the Maryland Municipal League office in Annapolis. Dinner was at the Union Bridge Fire Hall and both the meal and service were great, as always. Delegate Haven Shoemaker was also here

December 5<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas tree lighting in Town. The tree lighting was hosted by the Town and Union Bridge Business Association and was very well attended. Students from Elmer Wolfe Elementary School sang and did a wonderful job.

Starting in January 2018, the newsletter will be produced quarterly.

I am looking forward to the New Year. Happy New Year to ALL.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,  
Mayor*

## GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Feasibility Study

The Town has been awarded a SEARCH grant from the USDA to fund an engineering study to find recommendations for inflow and infiltration (I&I) mitigation in the Town which will increase the Town's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) capacity and allow for growth in our community. The Town is working with the USDA and our engineering firm to finalize our contract and will proceed in the spring of 2018.

## Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has worked with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to submit an application for funding a new Town emergency generator to keep our water treatment plant and Town Office running in the event of a power failure. MEMA has included our application with their state request to FEMA for approval. A

decision should be made at the end of January 2018.

### **POS Grant for Community Center Upgrades**

The Town has submitted a request for funding to assist with upgrading our Community Center with new windows, insulation and doors as well as other enhancements. The Town will also contribute funds if approved. A decision will be made very soon by the Department of Natural Resources Board of Public Works.

### **Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant for Tennis Courts**

The Town has submitted an application to the MD Department of Natural Resources for a grant to resurface the Town's tennis courts and install new lighting as well as add the ability to play pickle ball, which is becoming a very popular sport. A decision is expected in May of 2018.

For questions on these or any other Town projects, call the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

Happy New Year to all!  
*Mike Reynolds,  
Circuit Rider*

### **WEST CARROLL REC**

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, Taneytown and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

Next Meeting Dates: January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **SPRING SPORTS**

Visit our website:

[www.gowcrc.com](http://www.gowcrc.com)

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/goWCR>  
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### **Baseball**

(FSK Jr. Eagles Baseball)

Contact: Jenn Griffin  
[fskjreaglesbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:fskjreaglesbaseball@gmail.com) or  
410-775-7058

Register online:

[http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/fskjr\\_eaglesbaseball](http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/fskjr_eaglesbaseball)

### **Softball**

(Chargers Fastpitch Softball)

Contact: Rick Leishear

[coachrickL32@gmail.com](mailto:coachrickL32@gmail.com)

or 443-324-4545

Website:

[www.chargersfastpitchmd.com](http://www.chargersfastpitchmd.com)

### **High School Rugby**

(West Carroll Marauders Rugby Club)

**BOYS** Contact: Chet Rockwood

[chet.rockwood@aol.com](mailto:chet.rockwood@aol.com) or 443-605-4507

**GIRLS** Contact: Gabby Balassone

[coachgabby@outlook.com](mailto:coachgabby@outlook.com) or 915-249-5833

Website:

[www.westcarrollrugby.com](http://www.westcarrollrugby.com)

Register online:

<http://sports.bluesombrero.com/maraudersyr>

### **Track and Field**

Contact: Josh Porter

[joshporter1002@gmail.com](mailto:joshporter1002@gmail.com)

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. Another source to check for upcoming sports registrations is "RecZone", found in the back of the Sports section of the Carroll County Times on Sundays. Thank you.

*Penny Rockwood,  
Community Coordinator*

### **DID YOU KNOW**

While I was doing maintenance on Little Pipe Creek Park at 9:30 a.m., I witnessed two people meeting on the pedestrian bridge and wondered what was going on. I approached the pair and discovered that a wedding was being planned for later, that same day. This is where the young man proposed to his bride-to-be, and wanted to be married at the same romantic spot. On October 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. a wedding took place. About 10 to 15 people

attended the ceremony. The weather was great for the occasion. The altar was decorated with jack-o-lanterns, and the ring bearer was the family pet.

*Reporting,  
Ken Black*

### **Union Bridge Business Association**

Here's hoping that you had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy, Healthy, New Year. The Christmas Tree Lighting this year was a huge success. Even though we had to move it inside, everyone seemed to enjoy the children's chorus and final arrival of Santa Claus. And I know the kiddies liked the goodie bags they received and the hot chocolate!

The Union Bridge Business Association is working hard to make things happen in Union Bridge.

The mission of the association is "for business professionals to meet once a month, get to know one another, what products and/or services they provide, and to help everyone's business grow". The organization works together to provide an opportunity to enable all area businesses to promote and strengthen each other and to work to support local events.

To help us with that, we have been working on getting our appearance on Facebook changed. We ran into several problems so have created a replacement page. Please go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) then search for "Union Bridge Business Association – UBBA". Like it, share it, send us a message, create a post, help us share it with everyone you know. We will be using this page to promote happenings and to share ideas that are discussed at the meetings. Please let us know your thoughts. My thanks to Sindi Eyler for helping get this done.

We are currently working on having an After Hours Social approximately every three months. Doing this will allow everyone to

meet in a relaxed situation and get to know each other on a different level. The last two have been a wonderful success. Networking works! Not everyone has an area where they can do this so here is a suggestion. If you have an interest, connect with someone who has a facility and offer to host together, sharing in the various duties. By doing that, everyone gets the opportunity to be recognized as the sponsor.

The other item on our agenda currently is the Dog Walk/Duck Derby being planned for spring. We will have a date for this in the next newsletter. For now, help is needed to put the various plans together. Contact any member to let them know you would like to help.

It is also the time of year where we renew our memberships. The Union Bridge Business Association depends on your memberships to help pay for the things we do for Union Bridge. Being a member gives you the right to attend meetings and have a say in what is accomplished and how. If you are a business owner, or work for a business who wants to have customers in Union Bridge, consider a membership in the Union Bridge Business Association.

One thing we want to do is introduce you to one of our members each newsletter. This month we focus on Judy Baxter, Certified Wellness Educator, Independent Shaklee Distributor. Here is a bit about her and her company.

Judy got involved with using nutrition and supplementation over 40 years ago. The more she learned, the more she wanted to learn. As her knowledge grew, so did her company as a Shaklee representative. She has earned several major international trips and awards. But that's not what she is proudest of. When asked, she will tell you it has more to do with the people she has met along the way and how she has been able to help them change their

lives. The phrase "Live Younger Longer, Look Younger Longer" is what she teaches. Her certification as a Wellness Educator helps her to help you stay out of the doctor's office and off of medication using diet and good supplementation. As a Shaklee Distributor, she is proud to represent the number one nutritional supplement, the first created environmental cleaner, and no chemical personal care and skin care products.

Shaklee was created back in 1915 when Dr. Shaklee created his first product, Vitalized Minerals. If not the first, one of the first ever created natural vitamins. However, it went to the Shaklee we know today in 1956 when he and his two sons created the Shaklee Corporation. Over the years there has been many awards given and work done with the likes of Will Steger on polar expeditions, Dr. Wangari Matthei to plant one million trees, Olympia athletes who don't have to worry about bad testing and go on to win gold, silver and bronze medals, and multiple environment groups to protect our planet.

When Judy joined, her interest was not only in the amazing marketing plan they offered, but in the idea that by introducing people to the Shaklee concept she could help change their lives by changing their health and environment. - She still works to that degree today.

One thing she offers is HealthPrint. HealthPrint is a program where you answer a few questions about your health, it will tell you how you are doing, and then make suggestions to help you get where you would like to be. HealthPrint was created by a large group of doctors and scientists and there are over a million answers given. It truly is personal to you! You can get your HealthPrint at [www.jeb.myshaklee.com/healthprint](http://www.jeb.myshaklee.com/healthprint).

You can also find information about the program called Youth. Look Younger Longer. Folks will use this program and take as

much as 10 years off the way their skin looks in 30 days. And they have proof! She uses it and loves it!

You can contact her at 410-756-4744 or e-mail at [judybaxter5@comcast.net](mailto:judybaxter5@comcast.net).

Well, that's all for now. But, remember, The Union Bridge Business Association meets monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday in the Union Bridge Town Hall, unless a Networking Event is planned. For more information, e-mail our President, Judy Baxter at [judybaxter5@comcast.net](mailto:judybaxter5@comcast.net).

## **DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE**

**Purpose** – Improve Union Bridge  
**Mission Statement** – Create Activities to bring Neighbors and Businesses Together to Bond and Come Together to Beautify & Improve Union Bridge.

Please like us on Facebook, Donations can be made on our Facebook Page.

### **Dream Big Union Bridge Community Bulletin**

**Board/Kiosk Dedication** – We held the ribbon cutting dedication on 12/2/17, it was a great event. Commissioner Wantz, Town Council Members Donald Wilson & Amy Kalin were in attendance. The board is available for anyone to post upcoming events. Drop your flyer off at Esquire Liquors or Linbeau's Railway Pub.

**Dream Big Union Bridge Tree Lighting @ Shriner's Court** – On 12/7/17 we held a Tree Lighting for the residents at Shriner's Court and our volunteers sang Christmas Carols.

### **Dream Big Union Bridge Residential & Commercial Holiday Decoration Contest**

Everyone was encouraged to decorate for the holiday season and Union Bridge was definitely lit up. \$50 Gift Card for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners in the following Categories were: Most Lights; Larry Butler, 301 Shriner Alley, Most Creative; Dean Pennington Jr., 105 S. Main St., and Vintage

Charm; Brandy Daley, 30 W. Broadway.

It was very hard choosing the winners, as there were so many participants. The Town was lit up and looked gorgeous!!!

## Upcoming Projects

**Dream Big Union Bridge FREE HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP (In-Town Residents Only)** – (January 6 & 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Contact Linda Biddle 240-440-4222.

**1)** To have your tree picked up, you must call to be put on the list. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** **2)** Include your name, phone number and address. **3)** Please specify where the tree will be located (ex. front or back of house...) They need to be as close to the street as possible for easy pick up, we cannot come onto personal property. **4)** All decorations must be removed. **\*\*\*These are the only two dates for pick-up.\*\*\* Trees must be outside on the scheduled day by 8:00 a.m. If not there by that time, there will be no pick up.** See flyers posted throughout town. **Dream Big Union Bridge Soup Social** – (January 12, 20018 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) Open to everyone. Event will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 14 E. Benedum Street. See flyers posted throughout town.

We have been very busy since our inception. We held a very successful Sub Sale, 50-50 Raffle, Basket Bingo, Helped some Elderly Citizens move from Union Bridge to New Windsor, We have built 1 double-sided Kiosk Bulletin Board, We have over 40 volunteers, we have received several cash donations from various citizens and businesses and for that we are very Thankful and it is Greatly Appreciated! We have a great group of volunteers and we are having fun...we love our Town & Our Residents. Need help with a project, or assistance please feel free to contact us...**we are here to help.**

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our Meetings/Fundraisers/Events. For more information, please contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305 [ravent16@yahoo.com](mailto:ravent16@yahoo.com). We would love to meet and get to know you!!! Happy New Year!!!

*Cheri Thompson,  
Dream Big Union Bridge*

## **CARROLL COUNTY ENERGY SAVER LOAN PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Carroll County Energy Saver Loan Program (ESLP) is to provide Carroll County residents with low interest rate loans for home improvement, energy efficient projects that help reduce their energy bills. More information about the program is available through the new website: <http://ccgovernment.ccg.carr.org/ccg/ESLP/>.

## **HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2018 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day week trash will be picked up one day behind which is Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please put out your trash the night before.

## **PROTECTING CARROLL COUNTY WATERS**

Stormwater in Union Bridge is regulated by law under Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits under EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) administered through the Maryland Department of the Environment. For more information go to: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>

## **WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS**

- 1. Scrape instead of pre-rinsing.** Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them.
- 2. Install high efficiency aerators.** Installing an aerator

on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about one gallon per minute each time you run them. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.

- 3. Wash only full loads.** Clothes and dishwashers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of clothes or dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
- 4. Let your dishwasher do the work.** The average dishwasher uses about ten gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes.
- 5. Use the microwave, a bowl of water, or place frozen food in fridge overnight instead of running the tap to thaw it out.** You'll save about two gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.
- 6. Replace older toilets with a WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilet.** Older toilets can use up to four times more water per flush.
- 7. Regularly check for & repair water leaks.** Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).
- 8. Take shorter showers.** Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.
- 9. Select an Energy Star-approved dish & clothes.** They use 15-20 less gallons of water per load, and you will see savings on your energy costs too.
- 10. Know where your master shutoff valve is located.** This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

**WINTER SEASON  
REMINDERS**

**UNION BRIDGE CODE  
CHAPTER 130, SEC.4 (B2)**

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow or ice from the travelled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE  
AND CARE OF PATTERN  
SIDEWALKS**

1. Sand or kitty litter may be used for traction.
2. Snow removal equipment should have a rubber edged blade.
3. We do not recommend the use of salt or snow melting product containing sodium chloride. In event that these products must be used, wash any residue from the concrete surface.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

**SNOW**

Main Street is a snow emergency route, **NO PARKING** is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

**NO PARKING**

On East Broadway from Lightner Street up to Bellevue and on Thomas

Street when the emergency plan is in effect.

**SNOW MAINTENANCE  
AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS**

If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please keep it clear of snow so the Fire Department can quickly access it during an emergency.

**IMPORTANT**

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.

**SEWER LINE  
BLOCKAGES**

**RESIDENTS:** If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

**FOR WATER AND  
SEWER  
EMERGENCIES  
PLEASE CALL  
AMY KALIN**

**1-410-775-0687**

**THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

IS AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND REUNIONS. CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 410-775-2711 TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

***NOTE: The Community center will be undergoing facility upgrades***

*over the next year. As the exact timing of the upgrade has yet to be determined, please be aware that there may not be availability for your planned event so please confirm with Town Hall when scheduling.*

**Please note that the frequency of the Town newsletter is changing to a Quarterly format from this issue moving forward. Thanks for reading!**

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**2018**

