



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Jul 22, Aug 26 & Sep 23 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Jul 18, Aug 15 & Sep 19 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Jul 8, Aug 12 & Sep 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
September 15, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED

**July 4th & 5th 2019
Independence Day
&
September 2nd, 2019
Labor Day**

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The school season is over. Now is the time to make use of the Town's playground, parks, ball fields and walking trails. Don't forget, there are two trails in Town. The trail at the Community Center is great for short walks and the Pipe Creek Park trail will give you a great workout. It is just a little over one mile long. Yes, it gets a little wet after it rains. Walk it and enjoy Mother Nature. Take along a fishing rod and catch supper.

School children, in need of service-learning hours, can call the Town Office and we will try and help. There are always people looking for small jobs you can help with.

The 4th grade class at Elmer Wolfe had the largest write essays for the "If I Were Mayor Contest". It is very hard to pick out the winners. Great job by the teachers and parents. The winner gets to come to the July Council Meeting, read their essay and then the Mayor lets them run the meeting. Start them young. One day, I hope to see them taking over a seat somewhere in the future.

Military banners are going to be re-installed around the Town for the summer. More brackets needed to be ordered and have been received. More banners are being ordered all of the time. What a great way to honor our Vets. If anyone would like to donate to the purchase of brackets, or toward helping to pay for a banner, please contact Mayor Jones. The banners make a great gift for a

loved one. Please allow a couple of weeks for flags to be made.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Sustainable Community Designation Renewal

The Town applied for and was granted Sustainable Community status in 2014. This is a five-year privilege which is eligible for renewal after the period has expired. Being a Sustainable Community allows the Town to be eligible to apply for a myriad of grant and funding opportunities available from state and federal agencies.

The Town is in the process of assembling a renewal application with hopes to be granted this status once again for another five years.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has been awarded a grant for funding from FEMA to install an emergency generator. The generator will run the Water Treatment Plant and Town Office in the event of an emergency. We are actively working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to implement the project.

Request for Funding for Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center Parking Upgrades

The Town has submitted a project funding request to pave the

parking area around the community center and to add parking spaces in front of the center. We are currently awaiting a decision from Carroll County and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to be granted approval to move forward with this application from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

MDE Financial Assistance I&I

Following our Inflow & Infiltration study funded by USDA, the Town applied for assistance to perform our engineering recommendations through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Unfortunately, the Town was not granted these funds. We have, however, improved our ranking from #76 to #72. We will apply again next year.

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

*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 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

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*

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.

Previous Events –

- The 2nd Annual Duck Derby was a huge success.

Upcoming Events –

- We will be assisting St. James Lutheran Church with their 10-year Food Pantry celebration on 6/24 starting at 5:30 pm.
- Dream Big Community Cookout 8/4 3-6 pm. Check it out on our Facebook page.
- We are also planning a BINGO on 10/5 @ the Community Center.
- We will be helping with the Substance Abuse Expo on 10/24 @ Union Bridge Fire Hall.

We are looking for more/new volunteers. All are welcome. We meet the 1st Monday of every month...follow us on Facebook

*Cheri Thompson,
Dream Big Union Bridge*

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Summer has arrived! Are you enjoying the weather? Getting outside some? Vacations planned? I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

The Military Banners are hanging. They are so wonderful to see! If you know a veteran and they don't have a banner yet, see they get one ordered ASAP. Banners will be hung as soon as they arrive. Applications can be picked up at several locations in town or contact the Union Bridge Business Association and we'll see you receive one. It's a great way to honor a veteran.

If you know of someone who owns a business, storefront or home-based, let them know about the Union Bridge Business Association. One amazing benefit of membership is that the organization is a member of the

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. By being a member of UBBA, you get the benefit that membership offers without having to pay the full Chamber membership price. You can attend any event as a member. We have lots of networking events that are free to members. If you are unaware of the full benefit of membership in the Carroll County Chamber, go to their website, carrollcountychamber.org, and take a look at all the training, connecting, business information, and networking they offer. It is a great place to advertise, too. It is a wonderful benefit to all our members.

We will not be hosting meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be an After Hours held on September 17 from 4-6 p.m. in the Town Office. These are great events to get to know the businesses in a relaxed setting. JEB Enterprises, Judy Baxter, will be our September host. And, like Judy, if you are a home-based business, the Town Office is available. Put it on your calendar now. If you need any additional information, e-mail judybaxter5@comcast.net.

Enjoy your summer! As you attend events on your calendar this summer, think about sharing how being involved with the Union Bridge Business Association has helped your business. See you in September!

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2019 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

For the week of Independence Day, there will be no change in the Town's pickup schedule.

For Labor Day week, trash pickup will be one day behind so please place your trash out Wednesday evening instead of Tuesday.

BUDGET ORDINANCE 314-C

On April 14, 2019, the Union Bridge Town Council approved

Budget Ordinance 314-C for FY19/20, with expenditures and revenues of \$1,022,514.00. The town tax rate shall remain \$.35 per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge and the town personal property tax rate shall remain \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

RESOLUTION 02-19

On April 22, 2019, the Union Bridge Town Council approved an increase in pay for the office of Mayor as follows: \$2,400 annual salary to be provided in monthly installments of \$200 and to increase compensation for each special or committee meeting to \$40.

ORDINANCE 315

On May 20, 2019, the Union Bridge Town Council approved an ordinance amending Union Bridge Code Chapter 220, Articles 10, 11 and 12 to provide regulation of breweries, microbreweries, wineries, microwineries, coffee roasting operations and uses accessory and incidental.

WATER CONSERVATION OUTDOOR TIPS

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.

10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

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://ccgovernments.org/ccg/npdes/>.

TOWN CURFEW

Schools out, do you know where your children are?? Please keep in mind that curfews for children under the age of 18 years are as follows:
12:01 am – Saturday & Sunday
10:00 pm – Sunday - Thursday

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

BRUSH REMOVAL SERVICE

The Town will provide hauling services for brush removal (limbs/branches) by appointment on a trial basis. Note that you will need to load the brush onto the truck. Call 410-775-2711 to schedule a pickup.

GRASS & WEEDS

Owners and occupants of occupied premises and owners and persons in charge of unoccupied premises, including vacant lots, are hereby charged with the duty of maintaining any grass on such premises at a height of not more than **six (6) inches**; and further duty of maintaining, such premises free of noxious weeds and dense under brush.

PET OWNERS

The town is getting calls about residents not picking up after their pets. Please consider those who come after you on your walk. Put yourself in their shoes – literally. Please be a good neighbor and pick up your animal droppings. Union Bridge Code, Chapter 10, the owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal(s) on public property, including sidewalks, recreation areas

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The 2018 annual Water Quality Report was mailed out on June 26, 2019. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

You can view the report on the Town's website or can pick up a copy up at the Town Hall.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

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

DRIVING 101

The warm days of summer are finally upon us. During this time of year, motorists should remember that we have to “Share the Road” with motorcyclists and bicyclists. That’s right, this time of year a larger presence of bicyclists and motorcyclists, will be out riding along our roadways enjoying the warm weather. If you weren’t aware, the State of Maryland considers bicycles and motorcycles as motor vehicles, which means that all rules of the road apply to them.

Since motorcycles and bicycles are smaller, they are often harder to spot and it’s difficult to judge their speed. As a result, many bicyclists and motorcyclists are involved in serious accidents, which may lead to fatalities. Motorists should use extra caution when traveling the roadways and should keep the following in mind when traveling around a bicyclist or motorcyclist.

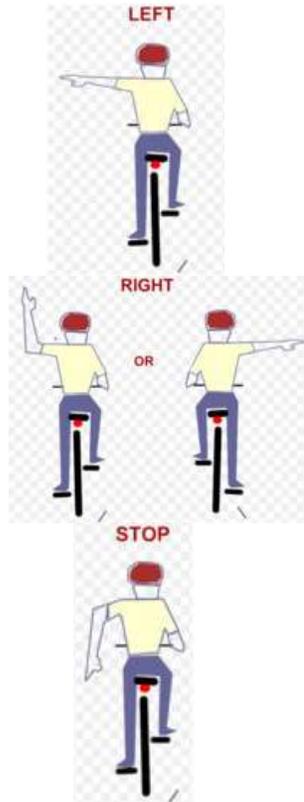
- Look twice before merging or changing lanes.
- Yield the right away when making a left turn.
- Do not share a lane with either a bicyclist or motorcyclist.
- Do not tailgate and allow at least 3 to 4 seconds following distance when following a bicycle.
- When passing allow at least 3 feet of space. Never honk your horn when passing a bicyclist as you may distract the operator.
- Motorists should also understand that bicyclists are

allowed to operate in the travel portion of the roadway and to “Share the Road” at:

- Intersections
- Narrow roadways / bridges
- Smaller roadway shoulders are present
- Visible potholes/debris are present

If you are a bicyclist, please remember the following:

- Inspect your bicycle to make sure it’s in good working order.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet and eye protection. (Juveniles ages 16 or younger are required to wear a helmet)
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. (1 bottle of liquid per hour is recommended)
- Remember to use hand signals when stopping or turning.



If you are a motorcyclist, please remember the following:

- Motorcyclist should be issued a motorcycle license.
- Inspect your motorcycle to make sure it is in good working order.
- Wear a properly fitted DOT certified helmet and eye protection.

As always, slow down, obey the laws and travel safe this summer.

*Master Deputy Brian Colussy,
Carroll County Sherriff's
Office*

The image is a dark blue rectangular banner for 'tumbleweed BOUTIQUE'. The logo features the word 'tumbleweed' in a white, cursive script font, with 'BOUTIQUE' in a white, all-caps, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a white graphic of a globe made of tangled lines. Below the logo, the text 'rustic + vintage + modern' is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom of the banner, the address '4 W. Stoner St. Union Bridge' and hours 'Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 12-5' are listed, along with the Instagram handle 'Instagram: tumbleweed_loft_boutique'.

**Have a Happy and Safe
4th of July & Labor
Day!!!**

