



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

January/February 2000

DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meeting Jan 24 & Feb 28– 7p.m.
Funding Committee Meeting Jan 5 & Feb 2 – 7p.m.
Heritage Committee Meeting Jan 18 & Feb 15 – 7p.m.
Planning & Zoning Meeting Jan 20 & Feb 17 – 6:30p.m.
Main St. Revitalization Meeting Feb 9, —7pm
Council Work Session Jan 17 & Feb 21 – 6:30p.m.
Funding Breakfast Jan 16 & Feb 20

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The December 6th viewing of the film HEROIN KILLS was not largely attended, but I think that everyone there enjoyed the night very much. There was a lot to learn, mostly from parents who have lost their loved ones to drugs. Special thanks to the Union Bridge Lions Club, Stambaugh's Excavating, Lease Brothers, and Tuck Jones Service Center, for sponsoring the evening

Leaf collection went very well this fall. Selby Black hauled the leaves to the Dodson Farm. If you see Selby Black on the streets or anywhere, be sure to thank him for a job well done.

The Christmas lights in town look great. Thanks to volunteers and Lehigh's Christmas committee for this job.

House lighting is wonderful. Please contact Karen Kotarski, councilperson in charge of contest, with ways to make the contest better or if willing to help.

Winter is here. Please remember that no parking is allowed on Main Street during snowstorms.

Wishing everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, from Mayor Jones, Town Council members and staff.

TOWN HALL FUNDING COMMITTEE

Come join us on Jan. 16, 2000, at the Community Center for our breakfast and mark your calendar for the following dates: Feb. 20, 2000; Apr. 16, 2000; and May 21, 2000. The cost of this all you can eat meal is just \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children 6-12, under 6 are free.

The next meeting of the Funding Committee will be Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. New members/helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Join us for the fun AND the reward of making a difference.

TOWN MASTER PLAN

The Union Bridge Planning Commission met on Thursday, December 16, 1999, to review a tentative schedule for reviewing the town's master plan. The commission discussed the procedure and time line for reviewing the plan. A tentative master plan review procedure is illustrated below. The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for **Thursday, January 20, 2000, at 6:30p.m.**

Tentative Review Process for Town Planning Commission:

1 – Review existing plan (adopted 1990) and list actions and new/revised goals to be considered. What are some recommendations and ideas regarding the town's future? What is the status and condition of current facilities and services?

What are the town's major assets that need to be saved or promoted? What are the most serious problems relative to land use and public services?

2 – Promote the planning process to the community and document citizen comments and suggestions.

3 – Complete research to update information on demographics and availability of public services.

4 – Prepare a draft master planning report and mapping for review by the planning commission and public.

5 – Distribute the draft plan for "60-day referral" to county and state agencies having funding or implementation responsibility (pursuant to Article 66 B)

6 – Advertise planning commission public hearing.

7 – End 60-day review.

8 – Prepare report on written comments received to date from citizens and agencies.

9 – Hold public hearing and address verbal and written comments.

10 – Commission acts on the proposed plan by resolution.

11 – If the plan is approved by the commission, a certified copy of the approved plan is forwarded to the Mayor and Town Council.

As mentioned in the October issue of the town newsletter, the planning commission welcomes and encourages citizen participation. The commission would like to know how you think the town should grow, and what public services and facilities need to be improved, changed and planned for. Citizens and property owners may also request changes to the zoning district currently designated for their property. The commission will most likely not review land areas outside the current town boundaries, we will until a joint town/county plan can be prepared later.

Please call the town office at 775-2711 for more information.

WATER FILTRATION STUDY

The town is studying the feasibility of using a new water filtration system known as Diatomaceous Earth, or DE filters. DE filters consist of a pre-coat or layer of DE, approximately 1/8 inch thick, onto a filter element. The DE filters are a very effective system for removing contaminants and unwanted materials to produce crystal clear water. The town is waiting for an answer from Rural Utilities Services, USDA, as to whether funding has been approved to install the filters. We should hear from USDA by the end of January 2000. The town's engineer will design the new well house to include space for the filtration system.

LITTLE PIPE CREEK

Pyramid Equipment Company has been selected to complete the Little Pipe Creek improvements. The bid price submitted by Pyramid was \$149,000. The town has secured grants from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies to fund the project. Construction should begin this week. The work approved under this contract is for Phase One of the project, which includes stabilization of Little Pipe Creek. The stream banks will be graded and planted with new sod, trees, plantings and engineering applications to help slow down erosion of the banks. New wetlands will be created south of the stream and wildlife habitats enhanced.

Phase two should begin in the early fall of 2000, and will include a walkway, a footbridge over Little Pipe Creek, new trees, landscaping, and wildflowers. The trees and plantings will be funded by Lehigh Portland Cement, USDA, and DNR.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER TOWN PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 775-2711.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Problems or questions concerning trash pick up, please call York Waste Disposal, Inc. at **1-800-210-9675**

The representative for this area is Dave Claghorn at extension 3173.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The "new" Holiday decorations were appreciated as we passed through Union Bridge. We were very fortunate to obtain fifteen "new" trees through the generosity and hard work of many elves. George Keeney and his crew of talented individuals, assisted by Betty Nelson, helped to create our lovely decoration. We extended the display on Main Street with the addition of five lights. Although a problem developed with the timer on the North Main Street section, the cost to the Town was minimal. Garland was also placed around our Town signs.

A Holiday decoration contest was not held this year. Everyone enjoyed the window displays and festive atmosphere from the stores on Main Street. Thanks to our neighbors who made the Holiday Spirit come to life with their houses, walkways, trees and properties decorated with lights and bows.

Council Person – Karen Kotarski

SNOW

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

ORDINANCE #263 B-2

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

A LETTER FROM MISS HEROIN

So now, little man, you've grown tired of grass, LSD, goofballs, cocaine and hash; and someone, pretending to be a true friend, said, "I'll introduce to Miss Heroin". Well, Honey, before you start fooling with me, just let me inform you of how it will be. For I will seduce you and make you my slave. I've sent men much stronger to their graves. You think you can never become a disgrace, and end up addicted to poppy seed waste. So you'll start inhaling me one afternoon, and once I have entered deep down in your veins, the craving will ever drive you insane. You'll need lots for money (as you have been told); of, Sweetie, I'm much more expensive than gold. You'll swindle your mother; and just for a buck you'd turn into something vile and corrupt. You'll mug and steal for my narcotic charm, and feel contentment when I'm in your arm. The day when you realize the monster you've grown, you'll solemnly swear to leave me alone. If you think that you've got the mystical knack, then, honey, just try getting me off your back. The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in a knot, the jangling nerves screaming for one more shot. Hot chills and cold sweat, the withdrawal pains, can only be saved by my little white grains. There's no other way and there's no need to look; for deep down inside you know you are hooked. You desperately run to a pusher and then you'll welcome me back in your arms once again. And when you return (as I foretold), you will definitely owe me your body and soul. You've given up your morals, your conscience, your heart and you are mine until

DEATH WE SHALL PART

Anyone who wishes may borrow the movie, "Heroin Kills" from the town hall.

To reserve: call

410-775-2711

MD State Police Drug

TIPS HOTLINE

410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!

FSK DRUG AND ALCOHOL

AWARENESS NIGHT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

7:00P.M. – 9:00P.M.

IN THE

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

**CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR
FUNCTION**

WATER & SEWER

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

(PAGER #)

410-307-5128

Dial number – enter number you are calling from, then press the pound key (#) and hang up.

Students that need community service hours may contact the town office at (410) 775-2711

The newsletter may be accessed on our web page! www.carr.org/~unionbr

Our E-mail address is: unionbr@ccpl.carr.org

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Town of Union Bridge is requesting proposals from contractors to complete improvements to the Union Bridge Community Park. Work includes plumbing, carpentry, chain link fencing, concrete sidewalks and roadwork. To obtain a Bid Request Form call the town hall at 410-775-2711.