



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2000

DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meeting Sept 24 & Oct 23– 7p.m.

Funding Committee Meeting Sept 6 & Oct 4 – 7p.m.

Heritage Committee Meeting Sept 19 & Oct 17 – 7p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting Sept 21 & Oct 19 – 6:30p.m.

Council Work Session Sept 18 & Oct 16 – 6:30p.m.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE

NOON, FRIDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2000

OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY

September 4, 2000

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer has gone by quietly. School will be starting up so please watch out for children at bus stops and walking to school.

There are still a lot of heavy trucks going to and from Lehigh, so please beware. The Town Fall Fest and other events are coming up. Please check your calendars.

Any one willing to work on Committees please contact the Mayor and let him know who you are.

Playground equipment at the Community Center has been repaired.

Our Trooper has done a great job on unlicensed vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

MD 157, a picture and description book of all 157 incorporated towns in Maryland, which includes Union Bridge, is for sale for \$30.00. For information, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

TOWN MASTER PLAN

In the July/August issue of the town newsletter, the draft planning issues and goals were described. In this issue, the required planning elements and "visions", as required by state law (Article 66 B), will be reviewed. Each of these elements and visions will be considered as part of the 2000 Master Plan update.

The required **planning elements** that must be included in a master plan are: a statement of goals and objectives; a land use element; a transportation plan element; a community facilities plan element; geographical information; land development regulations; and a sensitive areas element.

The State law also requires that the following eight "Visions" be implemented as part of the plan: 1. development is concentrated in suitable areas; 2. sensitive areas are protected; 3. in rural areas, growth is directed to existing population centers; 4. stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and the land; 5. conservation of resources; 6. economic growth is encouraged and regulatory mechanisms are streamlined; 7. adequate facilities are planned or available where growth is to occur; and, 8. funding mechanisms are addressed to achieve these Visions.

The planning commission welcomes and encourages **citizen comments regarding the proposed master plan update**. A town plan update is required by Article 66 B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Maryland Smart Growth legislation. 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.

Copies of the current town plan, adopted in 1990, are available at the town office for review. The adopted plan will guide the growth and development of the town for several years into the future. A draft 2000 master plan should be available for citizen inspection on or about August 31, 2000. Please call the town office at **775-2711** for more information.

Water Improvements

Evaluation and testing of the **Whyte Street test** well by Earth Data Inc., have been completed. Their written report recommends that the Whyte Street well be developed as a back-up water supply for the Town. The report has been forwarded to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for approval. The MDE is partially funding the water improvements.

We are continuing work on the proposed installation of a state-of-the-art **filtration system**. The town has received final funding approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Rural Utility Services, USDA. The town engineer is currently testing filtration system designs for final approval by MDE. The filtration system will be installed in the

new wellhouse, located on town office property. The proposed design plans for the wellhouse and filters are available for public inspection. Please call first to set up a time to review the plans.

Little Pipe Creek

The town was approved for additional funds from the State Highway Administration to construct a walkway through the Little Pipe Creek Park (across from Myers grocery store). The recently completed restoration of the Little Pipe Creek, the planting of new trees, lots of wildflowers, and interesting wildlife, should make this a pleasant walking area, as well as a safe and convenient way for walkers, joggers and bicyclists to get to Rt. 75. The walkway will extend from Main Street (across from Tuck's Service Station), to Rt. 75, east of Myer's grocery store.

Union Bridge Park Improvements

Improvements to the small ballfield concession building, the construction of a new batting cage, and the installation of a new sidewalk in front of the community center, are either completed or under contract. Phase two of the park improvements can now begin. Requests for construction cost proposals will soon be advertised for improvements to the big ballfield concession building, the construction of a small picnic pavilion, and new signs.

The town is working with the Carroll County Health Department regarding required improvements to the concession building. The picnic pavilion will be located in the vicinity of the big ball field. These improvements should be completed by Spring 2001.

Interested contractors should contact the town office at 410-775-2711 for information.

Main Street Revitalization

Whitney Baily Cox & Magnani has been selected as the design consultant to complete the design and improvement drawings for Main Street. The project is being funded by the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program. The Main Street Revitalization Committee is coordinating the revitalization program and will be working closely with the design consultant. The proposed drawings and consultant recommendations are available for citizen inspection at the town hall. The final report is expected by **August 28, 2000**.

Anyone interested in helping with the Main Street program, including property owners and business owners on Main Street, should contact the town office at 775-2711.

N. MAIN STREET AND HOMEYSUCKLE LANE SEWER EXTENSION

The town engineer is expected to have preliminary design drawings for the extension of public sewer to N. Main Street and Honeysuckle Lane by September 2000. Copies of the design drawings will be available for public inspection after that date.

UNION BRIDGE REC COUNCIL

The U.B. Rec Council is sponsoring several Fall programs. The adult Volleyball program will start at Elmer Wolfe Elementary School on September 7 and continue each Thursday night at 7pm. Volleyball is drop-in and competitive. Call Steve Keeney at 410-775-7780 for more information. Adult Yoga will be offered on Wednesday nights starting September 27 at the Community Center. Yoga classes are offered for beginner and intermediate level students. Call Laura Hummel at 410-875-9442 for registration information. Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held at the Community Center on Monday and Thursday nights starting September 18. Kickboxing is an exciting workout and beginners are welcome. Call Susan Hook at 410-751-6945 for information. The Wrestling program will also continue. Finally, a Marbles program is planned this year for children ages 8-14. The Union Bridge Recreation Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm at the Town Hall. Meetings are open and new ideas are always welcome. For more information on the Recreation Council, call Anita Staley at 301-8989451.

Congratulations to the Union Bridge Rec Council Spring sports raffle winners! Jason Welch, Tim Aronhalt, Bernie Anthony, Sr. Donald Young and Dee Muskin.

OPEN HOUSE FOR SCOUTING

CUB SCOUT PACK 459
CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN
MAIN AND CHURCH STREETS
UNION BRIDGE
WEDNESDAY, AUG 23, 2000
7:15 TO 8:15 PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
410-775-2918
COME AND SEE SCOUTING LIVE
AND IN ACTION

MOBILE HEALTH CARE CLINIC

To schedule an appointment to be seen in the VA's Mobile Health Clinic or for more information on how you can schedule a visit to your neighborhood, please call **1-800-351-8387, ext. 2281**

ARE YOU SELF-EMPLOYED OR UNINSURED

You may be eligible for a FREE mammogram and gyn exam (at participating doctors' offices).

To qualify for these services you must be:

Age 40-64

Uninsured or under insured

Meet income guidelines – 1 in household – earnings up to \$21,000

2 in household \$28,250 for each additional family member add \$7,250

Call the Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) at the Carroll County Health Department for further information. **1-800-966-3877 X3877 OR 410-876-4423**

COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

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

UNION BRIDGE FALL FEST 2000

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2000

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

LEHIGH PORTLAND CEMENT CO PARK

EVENT SCHEDULE

6:00-11:00AM VFW Breakfast (115 Penrose Street)

10:00am – 2:00 pm Lehigh Plant Tours

Cry of Mercy

(Contemporary Christian Music)

Magic Show

Comments & Sponsor

Recognition

Nichols Sisters (Music sung Acappella)

ALL DAY EVENTS

Scrap Tire Amnesty

Food Sales

Craft & Flee Market

Western Maryland Railroad

Museum Open

Children's Games

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

JUNK VEHICLES

The town will be checking for "Junk Vehicles" in the near future. Ordinance #276 does not allow "Junk Vehicles" within the corporate limits of Union Bridge.

To review this ordinance, please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 between the hours of 8 & 4:30.

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

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

WATER SHUT OFF

Town residents that request their water be turned off must do so in writing.

The written request must state the date, property address and the owner's name, address, and phone number. Property owners that have their water turned off will receive a quarterly bill in the amount of \$57.00.