

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings May 23 & Jun 20 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings May 19 & Jun 16 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions May 9 & Jun 13 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or [buttersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buttersburg@verizon.net)
- Town Office will be CLOSED:  
- May 30 (Memorial Day)
- Articles for the July/August Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE June 15th

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Would you like to see some kind of event in town on the weekends? If so, bring your ideas to a council meeting. I think it would be great to have a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night event once a month during the summer. Share your suggestions! The first year of any event usually starts out small but with hopes to grow bigger in the years that follow.

Summer is coming and school will be out. That brings out a lot of bike riders, so don't forget about the helmet law. Try to help keep your family as safe as possible.

It's time to think back about 15 to 20 years ago, it was talked about in schools everywhere "HEROIN KILLS". Well, it's back. Everyday loved ones, young and old, are dying for that big high. It's not fun and games. Teens think it is cool or they are going along with the crowd, but it is not cool or the "in" thing to do. This drug leaves many families in mourning. You could even take a life. If the EMS people are handling a drug overdose and someone else is having a heart attack, stroke or are involved in a serious car accident and they can't respond because you choose to use this drug. EMS could be saving a life of someone who wants to live. The drug dealers are getting brave. They don't even try to hide the fact that they are selling drugs. Your days are numbered. If you are not happy living in Union Bridge, then leave. Union Bridge has always been a great place to live and raise a family and it will continue to be. We will not let the drug dealers take over.

Union Bridge will be having another Drug Expo on October 6, 2016 held at the fire hall. Please plan to attend.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor*

## GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

### Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded grants from the Maryland State Highway Association's NRT program, Maryland Program Open Space program and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to complete our looped trail system and expand our parking area at the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park. This project will extend the length of the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands hiking and fitness trail an additional 1,100 feet (approximately).

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

*Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant*

## **WEST CARROLL REC**

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and the 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. See our website: [www.gowcrc.com](http://www.gowcrc.com) or like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gowcrc>

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.

*Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator*

## **HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION 2016**

Memorial Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, June 3rd.  
Independence Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, July 8th.  
Labor Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, September 9th.  
Thanksgiving Day trash will be picked up on Friday, November 25th.

## **RESOLUTION**

Resolution 01-06 was approved on February 22, 2016 for the upcoming budget. This resolution updates the Capital Improvement Program for FY17/22.

## **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 or on private property.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

A few items have been left at the playground area. Call the Town Hall to inquire.

## **UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

Union Bridge Carnival May 30 thru June 4

Silent Action items should be dropped off at Stambaugh's office by May 15, 2016.

Golf Tournament - August 9, 2016

Cash Raffle

August 13, 2016 A prize every 5 minutes. Total winnings over \$12,000. Cost per chance \$10.00

## **ACCESS CARROLL**

Access Carroll is a patient centered, integrated health care home for low-income residents of Carroll County. Medical, dental and behavioral health services. Appointments Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 410-871-1478

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house number is not clearly displayed on your home. Believe it or not, a majority are not visible from the street. It's even worse at night. A badly displayed number or no number at all can cost you precious time in an emergency. If you have not already done so, please place your house number on your home. The bigger the numbers the better. Help us to be able to locate you when you need our assistance.

### **OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION 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.

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

### **DISPOSABLE DOES NOT MEAN FLUSHABLE**

The sewer system is designed to accept water, human waste and toilet paper. Toilet paper dissolves quickly in water. However disposable cleaning wipes, diapers, paper towels, shop rags and other such items do not dissolve easily and may accumulate in the sewer system contributing to clogs and back-ups. As these items travel through the system they also get caught in the pumps and other equipment potentially damaging the equipment and leading to an overflow. Even if the label reads "flushable" it is still safer to dispose of these items in the trash.

### **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 PAGE AMY KALIN 1-410-775-0687

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

### **YARD WASTE PICKUP**

The last day for yard waste pickup will be either the first or second Wednesday of October. Contact the Town Hall for a definite date.

### **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.

### **UNION BRIDGE 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.

### **PLEASE RECYCLE**

\*IT'S STATE LAW.

\*IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SMART.

\*IT SAVES THE TOWN MONEY (YOUR TAXES).

\*THE MORE YOU RECYCLE THE LESS TRASH YOU PUT INTO LANDFILLS.